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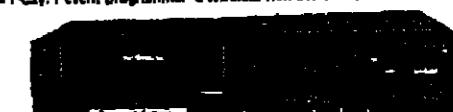
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Cheerful children waving the Kuwaiti flag. (Photo by Mohammad Bedaq)

## Low key celebration but people rejoice

THOUSANDS of people took to the streets and enjoyed a day out on the beach and parks as Kuwait yesterday marked the 29th National Day with low key official celebration.

No official ceremony was held in Kuwait City but official festivities were organised in outlying suburbs like Failaka and Almadi.

The waterfront, which normally wears a barren look during the day, was crowded with families of all nationalities; not many people were in a hurry to get home, including motorists who, surprisingly, had slowed down despite clear roads. Children played on the beach and the young men drove around streets, with music blaring from their car stereos and singing to, perhaps, express their emotions.

In the morning, official celebrations with folklore dance and music were held in Failaka Island under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. In mid-afternoon, Kuwaitis and residents thronged to the parks where folklore troupes performed in the Gamal Abdul Nasser Park in Fintas and Failaka Island.

In Almadi, hundreds of people took part in the "Habibi Al Kuwait" (My Darling, Kuwait) marathon, organised by the Ahmadiv Governorate.

HH the Amir received a cable of congratulations from HH the Crown Prince, Sheikh Saad, who on behalf of the government pledged to continue working under the present leadership. Replying to the

Amir's cable, the Amir has urged "all Kuwaitis to exert more effort toward their country's unity", Kuna reported.

The Amir of Kuwait received cables of congratulations from the heads of state of several Arab and Islamic states.

The 12-day official celebration, which began on Feb 17, seem to have given the young men to give vent to their pent up emotions. Over the past few days, the Arabian Gulf Street has been the scene of traffic jams and some rather unusual expressions like young men spraying paint and shaving foam on passers and cars.

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## Jewish danger

UAE Crown Prince calls for new Opec quota

By Mohammed Zain  
Editor, Al Seyassah

THE President of the United Arab Emirates, the government and its people believe that the Jewish immigration to Israel, is one of the most dangerous turning points in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict since 1967, the Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme

Such unchecked Jewish immigration will lead to a dangerous imbalance in the population in favour of Israel, allowing it to annex the remaining parts of the Arab occupied lands.

He specifically commented that "emerging from its expansionist nature, Israel is looking to annex more Arab territories in the same manner that the Jewish immigration in the 30s and 40s of this century established the Jewish state in Palestine in 1948."

On oil quotas, Sheikh Khalifa said that the UAE has honestly worked for unity of Opec and for the stability of the oil market and had undergone quite a number of sacrifices. However, he said: "We are waiting for other members to share with us this sacrifice" and for the moment we believe that we have become victims of all the agreements on oil production quotas. "It has now become unacceptable for us after the latest Opec agreements to continue to bear these sacrifices alone and adversely affect our oil relations in the international market."

"We are looking forward to a new Opec quota accord that will reflect the UAE's natural size."

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Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan said.

In an exclusive wide-ranging interview with the Arab Times/Al Seyassah, Sheikh Nahayan added that the immigration of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine does not only threaten the occupied Arab lands of Palestine, but the rest of the Arab world as well.

### 100,000 Soviets rally for democracy



Lt Gen Bagdanov looks on from a rooftop as tens of thousands of demonstrators rally in Moscow. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Gorbachev go!'

Protesters demand radical changes.

MOSCOW, Feb 25. (Agencies):

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### Lahore firing

## 'Hit' fails

LAHORE, Feb 25. (Reuters): Gunmen fired at the house of a Pakistani government minister today in the second violent incident in the Punjab province capital, Lahore, in two days, government officials said.

Manpower Minister Ghulam Mohammad Maneka was inside his house when the attack occurred in the early hours of the day, they said. The gunmen fled when the minister's guards fired back.

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Ahmadi: 62 per cent

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## INTERNATIONAL

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# Campaign ends for Indian state polls

**By Thomas Abraham**  
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Feb 25: Campaigning ended today in India for Tuesday's elections to choose new legislative assemblies in eight states and one union territory in a crucial electoral battle that will largely determine the future course of Indian politics.

Apart from the individuals involved, there can be little doubt that the outcome of the elections will significantly shape the fortunes of the country's three main political parties — the Janata Dal, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party.

For the Congress, still licking its wounds after being ousted from power at the centre in last November's general elections, it has virtually become a struggle for survival. The party is in

power in all the states going to the polls, and another defeat could spell the doom for the country's largest and oldest political party.

The elections will also be a sort of referendum on the performance of the National Front government, of which the Janata Dal headed by Prime Minister V.P. Singh is the single largest constituent.

And amidst all this, the elections will show

whether the BJP, playing from a position of strength after the 86 seats it won in the Lok Sabha poll,

succeeds in its bid to acquire power in at least five states — Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

The assembly elections are being held less than three months after the general elections and will be the acid test for both Singh and his predecessor Rajiv Gandhi. A victory in at least some of the states

would come as a big morale booster for the Congress and Rajiv personally.

Serious doubts have been raised by some of his partymen about Rajiv's leadership qualities and vote-catching abilities. A loss in Tuesday's elections could spark off either an internal revolt in the party or large-scale desertions.

Spirits in the Congress camp cannot be very high on the eve of the polls, considering the fact that they have already been humiliated and lost power in Manipur, which on Feb 12 became the first Indian state to hold elections after the Lok Sabha poll.

Last Friday, Rajkumar Ranbir Singh was sworn in as Chief Minister of the north-eastern Indian state at the head of a six-party coalition government. Ranbir Singh belongs to the Manipur People's Party, a regional group, whose coalition partners

include the Janata Dal, the Congress (S) and the CPI. The combined opposition front won 32 out of the 58 seats for which elections were held, leaving the Congress with just 26.

The states where elections will be held on Tuesday are Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Orissa, along with the union territory of Pondicherry. A record number of more than 2,300 candidates are in the fray for 1611 seats with a total electorate of about 215 million people.

Elections will be held for 324 seats in Bihar, 319 in Madhya Pradesh, 288 in Maharashtra, 199 in Rajasthan, 182 in Gujarat, 147 in Orissa, 65 in Himachal Pradesh, 57 in Arunachal Pradesh and 30 in Pondicherry.

In view of the large scale violence witnessed

during the November elections and the incidents during the poll in Manipur last week, the authorities have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure the peaceful conduct of polling this week. More than 500 companies of para-military forces will be deployed in the various states, in addition to the local police.

Three Congress (I) candidates have already been returned unopposed to the 60-member assembly in Arunachal Pradesh; elections have been postponed in three constituencies of Himachal Pradesh because they will stay snow-bound till May. Elections in Tizara in Rajasthan and Damoh in Madhya Pradesh have been countermanded because of the deaths of candidates.

Many stalwarts are in the fray for Tuesday's poll. They include several chief ministers like Sharad

Pawar (Maharashtra), Madhavsinh Solanki (Gujarat), Gengap Apang (Arunachal), Hemansada Biswal (Orissa), Shyam Charan Shukla (Madhya Pradesh), Herioco Joshi (Rajasthan), Jagannath Mishra (Bihar), Vir Bhadra Singh (Himachal) and M.O.H. Farooqi (Pondicherry).

Other prominent leaders in the contest are former chief ministers Amrinder Chaudhary and Chimanlal Patel (Gujarat), Arjun Singh (Madhya Pradesh), Ram Lal (Himachal), Bhairon Singh Shekhawat (Rajasthan) and Nandini Satpathy (Orissa), former Orissa chief minister J.B. Patnaik, considered a strongman in his state, who has opted out of the polls this time.

Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala is seeking a seat in the state assembly in a by-elections in Haryana.

## Women protest in Kashmir

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readiness for personal sacrifice.

The processionists sang a popular martial song that was played repeatedly by Radio Pakistan during the 1965 Indo-Pakistani war and included the lyrics: "Wake Up, the Time For Your Martyrdom Has Come. Wake Up in the Name of Allah."

At the UN offices, the protesters presented a single-page memorandum urging the international organisation to take up the issue of Kashmir, which India contends is an internal matter.

The memorandum asked the United Nations to "show your supremacy all over the world by solving the Kashmir issue on humanitarian grounds at the earliest without any further bloodshed."

More than 100 people, most of them protesters shot by security forces, have died since a pro-independence movement exploded into the anti-India uprising on Jan 20, ignited by the shooting of demonstrators.

Authorities have managed to keep the lid on the insurrection only by deploying tens of thousands of combat-ready troops and police across the Kashmir valley. Security forces have largely remained passive bystanders during major anti-India demonstrations staged daily in Srinagar since Friday.

## Nepal cracks down

### Massive arrests as police thwarts demo bid

KATHMANDU, Feb 25: (Agencies): Riot police moved in and arrested black-flag waving protesters when they arrived on the capital's main shopping district to begin a planned march for multiparty democracy today.

Activists said at least 1,000 people were taken into custody, mostly in the capital, as hundreds of riot policemen patrolled the streets to enforce a government ban on political demonstrations.

Witnesses said they saw at least 150 militants arrested when they came out in threes and fours waving black flags and shouting "long live the revolution" from buildings in the new road district — a maze of monasteries.

## Pakistan denies Rights abuses

ISLAMABAD, Feb 25. (Reuters): The Pakistan government has rejected US charges of human rights abuses and called a State Department report an attempt to malign the people of Pakistan.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government took serious exception to the report, calling it "a classical example of disinformation," a government statement said.

The State Department's annual report on human rights released last week, sharply criticised Pakistan.

It said police commonly tortured people in custody, religious minorities faced discrimination and officially controlled newspapers, television and radio suppressed news about the opposi-

tion.

It was the second time in a week that Pakistan has been angered by Washington.

Last week the State Department said safeguards demanded by France as a condition for selling a nuclear power plant to Pakistan were insufficient.

The human rights report cited 19 people who died in police custody. The government said since Benazir took office in 1988 as Pakistan's first democratically elected prime minister in 11 years, all political prisoners had been released.

It also rejected allegations of news management, a long-standing complaint among opposition leaders who say they get virtually no coverage on state-controlled television.

Information on the fate of the marches in other parts of the country was not immediately available.

According to the government, at least 12 people have been killed since the movement began Feb 18, inspired by the Nepali Congress Party and a left-wing coalition. Activists say the death toll is nearly double the government figure.

Shops were closed and only police vans and a few private vehicles were allowed in the usually-bustling new road where the Nepal Congress and the coalition had announced separate processions.

Those arrested included Hari Bol Bhattari, former mayor of Kathmandu and a senior member of the Nepali Congress, and Padma Rama Tuladhar, a left-wing member of the National Assembly, said the witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Also arrested during the demonstration were Hamanta Bahadur, a member of the 21-member Leftist Front, and Mahesh Man Dixit, a politburo member of the banned Communist Party.

The led a demonstration in front of the US cultural centre with black flags for about three minutes when police arrested them.

Sporadic demonstrations were reported from other parts of the city and nearby towns of Patan and Bhaktapur.

The witnesses, contacted by telephone, said police also arrested demonstrators in the south-eastern town of Dharan, where another procession was planned.

Three members of the Nepal Bar Association, including ex-chairman Mukunda Regmi, were arrested, the association said today.

Opposition leaders also asked supporters to switch off their lights for one minute at 7 pm Sunday and plunge the normally peaceful capital into darkness.

Many shops and businesses in Kathmandu remained closed even though opposition leaders had not called a general strike.

"How can I open my shop," said Gopal Shrestha, who operates a stationery store in the capital. "The heavy police turnout has created a panic situation. I am not afraid of the demonstrators ... they have not looted my shop."

The government says at least 175 people were arrested before Sunday. Activists put the figure at more than 1,000.

Earlier today, more than 100 doctors and nurses in the country's largest hospital walked off their jobs for one hour in support of the democracy movement.

## Indian troops continue to leave Lanka

COLOMBO, Feb 25. (Kuna): Three hundred and eighty soldiers of the Indian Peace-keeping Force (IPKF) along with five heavy vehicles left yesterday for India from the Sri Lankan northern port of Kankesanthurai, a senior official of the island's joint Operations Command (JOC) said.

The official said there were no fresh arrivals of Indian soldiers to replace those who left the country.

The IPKF forces in the northern Jaffna peninsula have moved to villages close to Kankesanthurai to enable them to leave the country as early as possible, the official said.

All these IPKF troops, about 5,000 of them, are likely to leave for India before March 15, 1990, the official said further.

Meanwhile, a five-member delegation of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Front (EPRLF) will leave shortly for Madras in India's Tamil Nadu for discussions with the Chief Minister of that Indian state, Muthuvela Karunanidhi, concerning the dissolution of Sri Lanka's north-eastern provincial council.



Dhaka University students carry the body of Shahidul Islam Chunnu who was killed in a campus gunbattle (Reuter wirephoto)

## Two killed in Dhaka

### University violence

DHAKA, Feb 25 (AP): Rival student political groups fired pistols and sawed-off shotguns and hurled homemade bombs at each other at Dhaka university today, killing at least two people and wounding 12, police and witnesses said.

Vice-Chancellor Abdul Mannan said the university was being closed indefinitely from tomorrow and students in the 13 dormitories have been asked to leave the campus by tonight.

The fighting erupted when supporters of two opposition parties, the Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, tried to conduct rallies at the same place at the same time. The parties called the rallies to protest attacks on each other's supporters last Wednesday when 40 people were injured.

Hours after the university clash, Awami League supporters hurled stones and damaged about 12 vehicles in front of the Awami League office in central Dhaka.

In the university, demonstrators fired at least 100 rounds of ammunition and threw a series of small bombs during the 40-minute clash, according to policemen who

spoke on condition of anonymity. Police fired rifles in the air and tear-gas to break up the fighting but said no-one was injured by their fire.

Shahidul Islam Chunnu, a leader of the Bangladesh Students League which is affiliated with the Awami League, was shot in the forehead and died instantly, police said.

The identity of another slain student was not immediately known.

Campus rallies frequently turn violent in Bangladesh. Wednesday's trouble started during commemorations marking the anniversary of the deaths in 1952 of people who are known as "the language martyrs." The 1952 killings by police occurred during a demonstration to make Bangla an official language in the then East Pakistan.

The Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party both oppose the government of President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, but supporters of the two parties often clash.

"I would hang Nicu by his tongue".

## Nadia's life of terror



Alexandra Comaneci. (Reuter wirephoto)

repeatedly but eventually was unable to say no.

"Nicu refused to allow her to discuss their relationship with anybody. He didn't allow me to think for herself as a woman or to have any friends."

When Nicu called, Nadia was forced to drive 300 km (180 miles) to the central city of Sibiu, where Nicu was regional Communist Party chief.

"After one of her visits to Sibiu she showed me bruises on her thighs when she came home."

"On another occasion she came back from visiting Nicu with her fingernails torn out. Nadia told me that this had been caused by an infection because she didn't want me to be upset."

Alexandra said that by 1988 Nicu had become withdrawn and miserable. She moved out of the family home and went to live with her brother Adrian.

Nadia's life of terror with Nicu continued until eventually she could bear it no more and made plans to escape, said Alexandra.

Nadia has telephoned her mother and written several letters in the last few weeks.

"She sounded happy and carefree and said she would like to visit Bucharest soon," said Alexandra.

Alexandra said how she would like to see Nicu punished, Alexandra's eyes narrowed as she pondered for a few moments.

"When I think of the ordeal she went through ... when I think of her body blue with bruises from head to toe."

"I would like him to suffer she did. I would hang him by his tongue and watch him die — no ordinary death would be good enough for that man."

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Tycoon Forbes dies in sleep

Leaves \$1 billion estate

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Forbes was pronounced dead yesterday afternoon at his home in New Jersey, said the spokesman, William Donald Garson, director of corporate communications for Forbes Inc.

Forbes, known for his motorcycles, luxury parties and balloon flights, had returned last morning from a trip to London, Garson said.

Chairman and chief shareholder of Forbes Inc., Forbes' worth has been estimated at from \$400 million to \$1 billion by various sources.



Forbes and Elizabeth Taylor shown together at his 70th birthday party in Morocco last year. (Reuter wirephoto)



Forbes photographed on his motorbike. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ivana's past

Ex-hubby to spill beans

**NEW YORK**, Feb 25. (UPI): The battle of the Trumps took another bizarre twist when a man who claimed to be Ivana Trump's ex-husband offered his story "to the highest bidder," the New York Post reported yesterday.

Alfred Winklmayr, 44, wed Ivana in 1971 so that she could obtain a passport and flee her native Czechoslovakia, the Post said. The marriage lasted just two years and was apparently never consummated.

"Yes, I was married to Ivana," said a man who telephoned the Post claiming to be Winklmayr. "I'm confirming that. I'll be selling my story on the open market."

The Austrian businessman, who said he now lives in Sidney, Australia, with his wife, declined to say how much he would ask for the rights to his story, but said he hired a lawyer to negotiate for him.

A Post story last week,

headlined "Ivana's dark past," reported the former blonde model and competitive skier bid episodes of her past that could have tarnished the Trump image.

The story was partially on reports in the London Sun and the London Daily Mail.

The article also said her estranged husband was "stunned" at Ivana's deceptions.

Ivana on Wednesday publicly revealed for the first time an earlier marriage to a man the Sun said died two years after the wedding.

Michael Kennedy, Ivana's attorney, sent a letter to Post editor Jerry Nachman accusing the newspaper of printing inaccuracies about his client's upbringing, parents, educational background and romantic history.

Kennedy, said the story, published on Friday, was "false and malicious" and called for it to be corrected immediately.

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**LOS ANGELES:** Actress Marlo Hemingway and other celebrities upset about aerial pesticide spraying against the medly were among hundreds of protesters demanding a halt to the overhead dustings.

Actor John Ratzenberger, who appears on the television series "Cheers," and actress Allyce Beasley, from the programme "Moonlighting," also turned out for a demonstration Monday at the federal building.

"It seems those politicians with a hard-line attitude are building a gallows with this issue, and I'm more than happy to be standing up there with the rope," Ratzenberger said.

The state is spraying large areas of Los Angeles and Orange counties to wipe out the worst infestation of the crop-destroying bug since 1981-82. Helicopters drop a mixture of the pesticide malathion and sticky corn syrup bait.

Leon Spangler, agriculture commissioner for Los Angeles county, has repeatedly said the spraying is safe. He says it will be stopped when the state can find enough sterile medflies to stall breeding. (AP)

**CHARLESTON**, West Virginia: Buckling up your car seat belts may pay off some day in West Virginia.

West Virginia state Senator Ned Jones has introduced a bill that would give police officers the authority to hand out lottery tickets to belt-wearing motorists.

The bill, introduced Monday, would exclude drunken drivers or motorists who violate the speed limit by more than 10 miles an hour.

It would be up to the state police to determine how to dole out the lottery tickets, which would not be awarded unless everyone in an auto had based their seat belts on.

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## Colombia leftists free US hostages

BOGOTA, Feb 25, (Reuters): Leftist guerrillas have freed two American hostages seized in protest against US President George Bush's visit to Colombia, police said.

James Arthur Donnelly, 62, an industrialist, and David Leslie Kent, 40, a teacher, were freed yesterday in mountains about 150 km (90 miles) northwest of the capital and were returned to the Medellin area, Donnelly said.

"We were treated fine all the time," he said by telephone. "As an American they didn't treat me bad at all. I was drinking Coca-Cola all day, and I was reading some books..."

The National Liberation Army (ELN) kidnapped Donnelly on February 12. Kent was abducted a day later, and they were held at the same camp, where Kent was allowed to receive treatment for hepatitis, Donnelly said.

The ELN had told local media the abductions were a protest against Bush's February 15 visit for an anti-drugs summit with leaders of cocaine-producing Colombia, Peru and Bolivia.

Donnelly said the guerrillas voiced some anger at the United States but that he and Kent were released to convey the message that captured guerrillas should be treated humanely.

"They would like to have their guerrillas, when they were captured, treated under the Geneva Convention laws," the industrialist, whose wife is Colombian, said from his home in Guerne, Medellin.

The rebels gave Donnelly a message for the Colombian government — that "the country's rich people will be punished if any more guerrillas disappear or if there are any more massacres of peasants."

Right-wing death squads have killed more than 1,000 persons in the last four years, many of them peasants who apparently were believed to be guerrilla sympathizers.

Kent conveyed a message to reporters saying the ELN would punish Colombia's "oligarchy" in the case of another massacre or "disappearance," apparently referring to action by government forces.



Several members of the Salvadoran High Command including the Chief of Staff Rene Emilio (left) pay their respects to ex-president Jose Napoleon Duarte. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Salvador pays last respects to Duarte

### Condolence pours in

SAN SALVADOR, Feb 25, (UPI): With condolences pouring in from around the world and a truce declared by the country's guerrillas, El Salvador prepared the funeral ceremonies for former president Jose Napoleon Duarte, who died a tortured political road hoping to be remembered as the father of Salvadoran democracy.

5th Brigade commander Col Jesus Chavez Caceres claimed rebel forces had disregarded the truce and attacked military positions. The military officers said that during armed confrontation between the two sides, rebels killed Lt. Jos Raul Cortes and four soldiers and wounded 13 other troops. At the same time four rebels died and 10 others were wounded, he said.

Duarte, once beaten and exiled by the Salvadoran army, returned in 1979 and in 1984 became El Salvador's first freely elected president in 53 years.

The country's rebels, in a statement issued in Mexico City, called a two-day unilateral ceasefire beginning Saturday "in a gesture to promote understanding among the Salvadoran people and to expedite the expres-

sion of mourning among diverse national sectors and international figures."

The Salvadoran armed forces, however, downplayed the rebels' unilateral ceasefire. Hours later Salvadoran army accused the rebels of breaking their own self-proclaimed ceasefire.

Two Central American presidents and US Vice President Dan Quayle announced they plan to attend Sunday's funeral for Duarte, who died Friday after a long battle with cancer. Other delegations were still being formed.

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## Ortega sees victory, better ties with US

### Nicaraguans go to polls with hopes of peace

MANAGUA, Feb 25, (Agencies): Nicaraguans turned out early today at polling stations to choose between leftist President Daniel Ortega and the opposition conservative candidate, publisher Violeta Chamorro, with Ortega predicting a Sandinista victory and friendlier relations with United States.

Polling was orderly in Managua and the city was calm.

Scores of uniformed soldiers of the Sandinista army lined up at a polling station near army headquarters in Managua. One of them, Victor Brenis, 38, said the vote was very important "to show imperial-

ism that we have a democracy here."

Ortega, standing for re-election for the Sandinista National Liberation Front, which has ruled for 10 years, was the first person to vote at a polling station near his house in central Managua.

Cheered by voters and mobbed by hundreds of journalists, Ortega said he was confident the Sandinistas would win the polls.

Ortega is running against La Prensa publisher Chamorro of the US-backed National Opposition Union, a centre-right coalition. She cast her vote later in the day.



Nicaraguan First Lady Rosario Murillo talks with her husband Ortega. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Panama freezes drug-linked bank accounts

PANAMA CITY, Feb 25, (Reuters): The Panamanian government has frozen more than 200 bank accounts it believes are linked to members of the notorious Medellin drug cartel and to ousted strongman General Manuel Noriega, a local newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily Panama-American quoted a government official as saying the government ordered the accounts frozen on Friday and had taken the action based in part on information provided by the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Among the seized accounts were those linked to Gonzalez Rodriguez Gacha, a leader of the drug cartel killed last year by Colombian authorities, and to Eduardo Martinez, a cartel leader extradited to the United States,

according to Victor Manuel Aldama, a senior official in the Ministry of Public Affairs.

The banks holding the accounts were not identified, but the paper reported Aldama as saying that no more than \$9 million were seized.

Noriega, deposed after US armed forces invaded his country last December 20, surrendered to US authorities January 3 and is being held in Miami awaiting trial on drug-trafficking charges.

During Noriega's rule, Panama became a centre for money-laundering operations by drug traffickers. A new US-supported government has vowed to help the United States battle drug-trafficking.

## CANADIAN IMMIGRATION — WINNERS AND LOSERS

by John Garull and Benito Rotella

### PART THREE: The ABC of the Business Investor Program.

For most Canadians, the national symbol is the maple leaf. For the Canadian business world, it's a hockey stick.

So you want to be a winner? You must be part of the strategy of play, know the rules and aim for a score. One percent luck, ninety-nine per cent skill. Investment in a World Cup team, that's available if you join the ring.

Remember, it's a thoroughly organised hockey ring — not a ring of fire, that's for losers.

To qualify for immigration to Canada because you have both money and business experience, you have two options: the Business Investor Program or the Entrepreneurial Program. You've got to meet certain regulations before you qualify to apply. If you are at present helping your grandfather in the local vegetable store, you're not in the running. But if you are a successful businessman, (and can prove it), administrator, or professional with business interests you might just qualify. So it's worth reading on. We haven't got the space to give you the full details, but we can let you have the minimum minimum requirements.

Remember, it's an official Canadian immigration policy which calls the shots.

First one. All candidates, in whatever province they wish to invest in, need a minimum net capital of \$300,000 for the standard investment program.

Five two. Amounts to be invested, apart from the net capital, differ depending on the program. With \$150,000 CDN you can invest in a federally approved investment syndicate for a minimum of three years in a province such as Nova Scotia. With \$250,000 to invest you can turn to provinces such as Quebec or Ontario and invest it for three years. With \$500,000 you can invest in debt instruments for a period of five years, the only trouble being in this guaranteed investment scheme is that you have to raise your net capital to \$700,000 CDN.

Five three: You have to be able to prove that you acquired your net capital through your business endeavours over a minimum period of three years.

Investors in Quebec only have to prove one year of similar business experience.

If you've survived these shots, here are a few tidbits of information that might help you:

1. Quebec has independent power of selection. This means it can approve its own programs and qualify its own candidates.

2. A bank guarantee to secure your investment is only

available if you've fallen into the \$500,000 CDN investment category.

3. A first mortgage on prime commercial or industrial real estate is available to secure your investment in Quebec.

Now for a few truths that will save you many a headache. Business Investor Programs are not approved if there is no risk involved. The only exception is for those applying with a minimum net capital of \$700,000. Don't be fooled by consultants who lure you by using this exceptional category. It's black and white. No risk, no go.

Banks sell investor programs in which they are not involved. It's easy for them to dissociate themselves from your investor program.

Banks handle your immigration through lawyers. When that's approved, their hands are cleaned of you. Working through a bank is absolutely no guarantee. In fact, it's short term thinking. They're as safe and sound as bankers, while you could be stuck in the snow.

You do not have to take up residence in the province in which you apply to immigrate, and unlikely either.

Entrepreneurial Program: There is no limit on your visa.

You do not even have to be involved in the management of the company or investment syndicate in which your investment is made.

Qualifying for immigration through any investment does not mean the Canadian government guarantees your investment.

The coast-to-coast smile of the officials means that they're just being friendly. Nothing more.

Professionals, such as doctors, can qualify if they can prove that at least 50% of the required period of time for business experience was spent directly involved in administrative work. "Business experience" might have a broader interpretation than you think.

A good consulting firm will do the following:

1. Advise you to invest in programs in which they are involved and which they have thoroughly screened.

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3. Play it safe and keep within Federal guidelines at all times.

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Former US president Jimmy Carter (right) shakes hands with Ortega. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Report cites on NY area-bound jets

### Airliners often low on fuel

NEW YORK, Feb 25, (UPI): Aviation officials investigating last month's crash of an Avianca jetliner that apparently ran out of fuel say at least 20 other jets in local skies experienced similar low-fuel crises during the past seven years, the Daily News reported today.

The UNO still fears that the Sandinistas could try to steal the elections through fraud.

■ Carter said yesterday he would urge the United States to establish normal relations with Nicaragua immediately if Sunday's general elections proved to be clean.

■ Sandinista government will apply for a standby loan from the International Monetary Fund if it wins Sunday's general election, Planning and Budget Minister Alejandro Martinez Cucuna said.

■ In an eerie parallel to the Avianca crash, one flight crew's declaration of a fuel emergency was never relayed to air traffic controllers at Kennedy international airport.

■ Investigators looking for evidence of a pattern in the wake of the Avianca crash, the News said.

■ Seven of the 20 jets declared fuel emergencies, which clears a path for an immediate landing, the News said.

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■ The pilot of a plane identified only as "a large jet" told investigators his request for an emergency landing was initially approved. The pilot said he was shocked, on final approach, to notice a commuter plane trying to land in front of him.

■ Tower then said he must declare a fuel emergency to land, the pilot was quoted by the News as saying in his anonymous ASRS report. "I thought we already had."

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# Grandparents given custody

**Father can't see Hilary**

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 25, (UPI):

The grandfather of a 7-year-old girl caught in an international custody dispute called the child's father a "pedophile pervert" and said he would prevent him from seeing the little girl.

Meanwhile, oral surgeon Eric Foretich, 47, on his way to New Zealand from his Virginia home, said he wanted to "rescue" his daughter Hilary.

A Christchurch court has issued a temporary order granting custody of Hilary to her maternal grandparents and preventing Foretich from seeing her.

Hilary was recently discovered living in Christchurch with her grandparents, William and Antonia Morgan, more than two years after her mother sent her into hiding rather than allow her to be sent on an unsupervised visit with her father, whom she accuses of sexually abusing the girl.

The mother, plastic surgeon Elizabeth Morgan, spent 25 months in a Washington, D.C. jail on contempt charges for refusing to divulge her daughter's whereabouts.

Foretich, who reportedly hired a detective to track Hilary down in New Zealand, has repeatedly denied he abused his daughter.

The discovery of Hilary has set off a new round of legal disputes in the 4-year-old custody fight. Foretich has filed for interim custody of Hilary through the New Zealand courts.

"Get these words ... he is a psychopathic pedophile pervert," William Morgan, Hilary's maternal grandfather, said about Foretich.

Morgan told reporters he would call the police if Foretich attempted to see Hilary "because the court order says he can't."

Morgan also said Hilary had been happy in New Zealand and had not been living the life of a fugitive.

"We're open," he said. "Hilary is happy at her school here."

He accused Foretich of hiring "spies" to watch Hilary "24 hours a day."

A private detective for a car outside the Diplomat Hotel in Christchurch, an apartment-style complex where the Morgans and Hilary have been living, said he was working on behalf of a "legal representative" but would not say if he was hired by

Foretich. His view of the home was often blocked by hordes of reporters who have arrived to cover the continuing saga.

The Morgans were given temporary custody of Hilary at a brief hearing in the New Zealand family court, in Christchurch, last Friday, authorities said.

The interim custody order will be reviewed at another hearing scheduled for sometime this week.

Meanwhile, Foretich, in an interview published in the London Sunday Times in Christchurch, vowed to do his utmost to "rescue" his daughter.

"I just want to see my daughter," he said. "I just want to see what can be done to get her back."

"I have faith in the New Zealand justice system," Foretich said. "I don't intend that it will be very easy, but I intend to rescue my daughter."

Elizabeth Morgan's attorney in New Zealand, Lyn Stevens, said she would "vigorously" oppose any effort by Foretich to see his daughter.

Authorities said it was believed Hilary and her grandparents have been living in New Zealand for a little more than two years.

They said apparently Foretich learned his daughter was hiding in New Zealand after the grandparents applied for permanent residency, which led to official inquiries.

Neither parent apparently has seen the child since she was sent away. Morgan had her passport revoked during the custody dispute and it was unclear whether she would be able to attend the court hearing this week.

Isabel Mitchell, a specialist in family law appointed by the court to act as Hilary's lawyer, said she hoped the child would be able to live a normal life during the ensuing battle.

"I just want to insulate Hilary from all this," she said. "It's sad for a child to have her world turned upside down."

Mitchell said Hilary appeared in good spirits and was anxious to continue with school and social activities.

Morgan also accused Foretich of sending private detectives to watch the family. "He's got his spies out there." A man sitting in a car nearby said: "We're acting for legal representatives to ensure that a court order is abided by." He refused to say whom he was acting for.

**7 dead, 100 hurt in Frankfurt**

## Autobahn pileups

FRANKFURT, Feb 25, (AP): Fog combined with heavy traffic led to three separate highway pileups yesterday that involved more than 200 cars and killed seven people, police said. Nearly 100 people were reported injured.

The worst crash involved 134 cars on the main highway between Frankfurt and Munich. Six people died and 72 injured, 43 of them seriously, police said. "There are wrecked cars all over the place. The injured are bleeding and screaming. It looks like a slaughterhouse," said a police officer.

Another person died when 74 cars crashed into each other on the Frankfurt-Berlin highway, police said. Seven people were critically injured, and 15 others suffered less serious injuries in that accident.

The third pileup, with 16 cars and five injuries, occurred on another highway near Frankfurt, police reported.

Police said all three pileups were caused by fast driving in foggy conditions. There are usually no speed limits on West German autoroutes. Traffic was particularly heavy last morning because of a short holiday marking the carnival season.

"The visibility was poor, but as usual drivers did not adjust their speed to the conditions and drove too fast," said one officer at the scene of the worst crash, on a stretch of the A3 autobahn between Aschaffenburg and Wuerzburg.

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Morgan Hillary's grandfather speaks to media on his way to church. (Reuter wirephoto)



Detectives leave the Diplomat Hotel where the Morgans have been staying. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Computer problem delays Atlantis launch just 31 seconds before countdown: rescheduled for today**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Feb 25, (AP): The launch of the shuttle Atlantis on a secret military mission was scrubbed with 31 seconds left in the countdown early today, following three days of delays caused by weather and the mission commander's health.

"We have scrubbed for today," said Lisa Malone, the launch control center commentator.

Nasa tentatively rescheduled the launch for tomorrow

at about 1 a.m. (0600 GMT) pending resolution of a computer problem that caused the postponement.

Launch director Bob Stieck briefly considered launching the craft, which carries a spy satellite, later this morning.

But after assessing all their options he and his aides decided

they did not have enough time in the day to reschedule it.

The commanders had reached the 4-minute mark when

the range safety monitor team discussed a problem with one

of its computers. The clock was counted down to 31 seconds, a point where the spacecraft's computer takes control, and was held there while experts investigated the problem.

The range safety monitor is responsible for sending a radio signal to destroy the shuttle if it stays too far off course and threatens populated areas.

There are two range safety computers, a primary and a

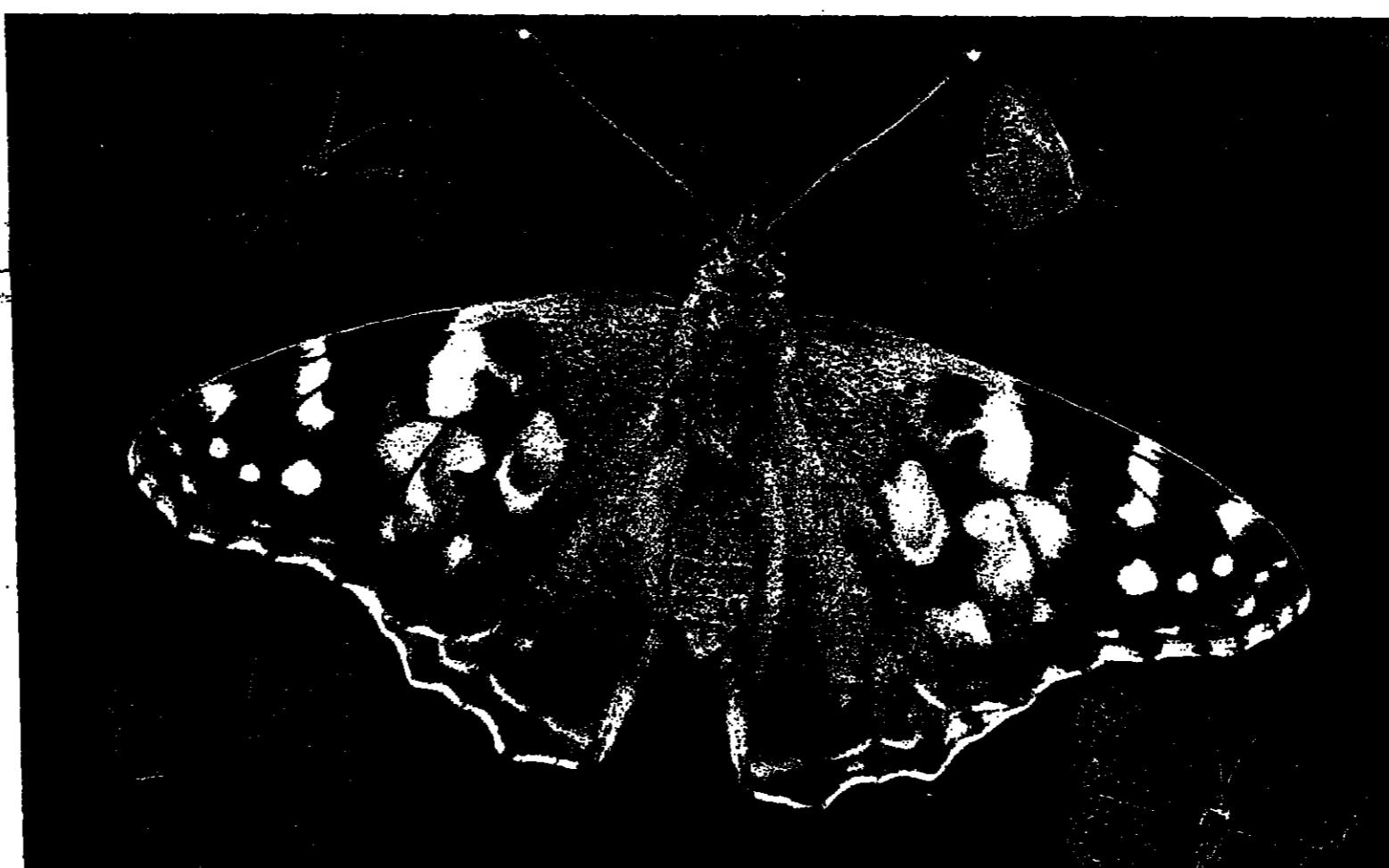
backup, and launch rules require both be operating. Officials said. They said the backup failed, but they did not know why.

They said that while the count was being held temperatures on the main engines became too cold, forcing Stieck to call off the effort for the day.

Prior to the last-minute scrub, the clock had been stopped since Wednesday.

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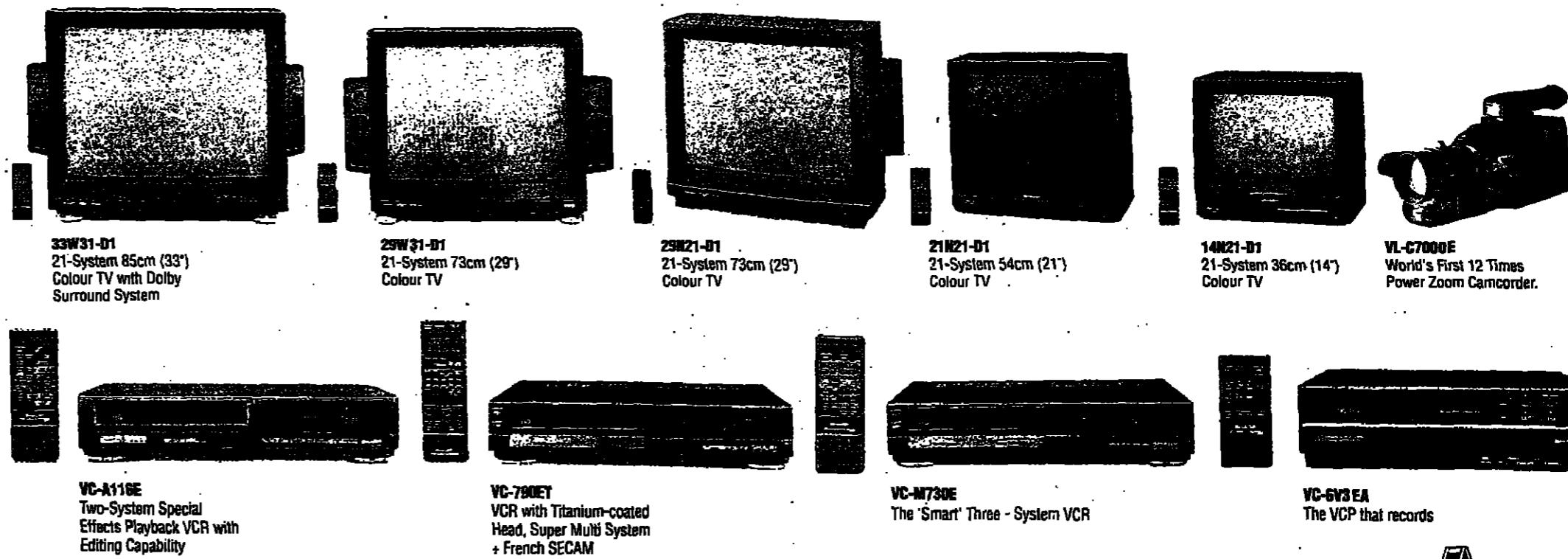
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# Differences on bases strain US-Manila ties



Singer Johnnie Ray in a 1958 file photo who died of liver failure at Cedars-Sinai hospital, Los Angeles. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 'Prince of Wails' Ray is dead

LOS ANGELES, Feb 25. (Reuter): Johnnie Ray, whose sobbing renditions of such 1950s songs as 'Cry' and 'The Little White Cloud That Cried' earned him the nickname 'The Prince of Wails,' died yesterday of liver failure at age 63.

Ray's emotional performance style made him a household name in America, Europe and Australia and his amalgam of musical styles, blending rhythm and blues, country and western and gospel music, was credited with setting the stage for rock 'n' roll.

His first two records were banned for suggestive lyrics but later Ray could count among his admirers Britain's Queen Elizabeth, who proclaimed herself one of his biggest fans.

Ray attributed his success at least partially to an accident which happened when he was ten years old and which left him with only 50 per cent of his hearing.

While playing with friends he was tossed into the air in a blanket and hit the ground head-first. When Ray became hard of hearing and unresponsive, some assumed he was inattentive or retarded.

"I was just about the loneliest kid in the world," he once said of the five-year period before his deafness was diagnosed and during which he wrote his biggest hit, "The Little White Cloud That Cried."

At 15 he was fitted with the cumbersome hearing aid which would later become a trademark. His refusal to take it off during public appearances was an inspiration to millions of deaf people.

Ray arrived in Hollywood in 1949 determined to become a movie star. After working a number of jobs including bellboy, bartender, shipyard welder and saloon piano player, he decided to leave the film capital and head for New York.

Taking odd jobs across the country, he stopped in Detroit, Michigan, where he was heard by a local disc jockey who persuaded a Columbia records agent to listen to him. As a result of that meeting, Ray made two records which became hits in the US midwest until several radio stations banned them because of their suggestive lyrics.

But Ray had found the recognition he needed and he was flown to New York.

## US sky diver falls to death

PALATKA, Florida, Feb 25. (AP): A sky diver was knocked unconscious during an 80-person free-fall yesterday and fell to his death after another diver tried to deploy his chute but couldn't, a sky-diving company official said.

Paul Williams, 40, was one of the last people to jump from four planes at 15,000 feet (4,570 metres) when he collided with another diver and lost consciousness, said Susan Bass, an owner of the Palatka Parachute.

Another sky diver, seeing the man flailing in free fall, attempted to get to him and pull the rip cord, but was unable. To the best of our knowledge, unfortunately he never regained consciousness and died on impact," Ms Bass said.

"This was an experienced jumper, in excess of 2,600 sky dives.

Jesse Jackson, in his first public appearance in Chicago since returning from South Africa, compared the US civil rights movement to the release of Nelson Mandela, in a speech at Operation Push Headquarters.

"American civil rights and the African liberation movements have run parallel in history," Jackson said.

The release of Mandela by South African government officials after 27 years of imprisonment does not mean he is free because his country of South Africa still operates under apartheid, the Push founder said.

Mandela is out of jail, (but) he is not free," he said. Despite being in prison for so many years, Jackson said Mandela was not bitter. (UPI)

**16-megabit memory chip developed:** Texas Instruments Inc. said Wednesday in Dallas it has produced an experimental super memory chip able to store 16 million bits of information, the second such computer component to be unveiled in the United States within a week.

The semiconductor manufacturer, a leading US manufacturer of chips for Dynamic Random Access Memory or DRAM, said it expects to begin commercial production of the new chip within 12 to 18 months.

TII disclosed the production of its superchip a week after International Business Machines Corp. announced it has produced a 16-million-bit superchip, which holds the equivalent of 1,600 pages of text, on a surface smaller than a postage stamp and retrieve information at the speed of 1/25th of a second.

In 1988, IBM invested close to \$6 billion in research efforts, including about the superchip. (UPI)

**Space seeds removed:** Some 4 million seeds have been removed from a satellite that spent 5 1/2 hours in orbit to distribute to students around the United States to study the effects of cosmic radiation on seeds stored in outer space.

NASA technicians removed a tray containing the seeds from the Long Duration Exposure Facility (LDEF), a NASA spokeswoman said. The seeds will be turned over to the George W. Park Seed Co. Inc. of Greenville, south Carolina, which sponsored the experiment.

"We're delighted," said company spokesman Dave Phillips.

The seeds will be tested to make sure they are still alive and then will be packaged and distributed to students in grades 5 through college, beginning perhaps as early as March 5, Phillips said.

The seeds include 12.5 million tomato seeds and an assortment of 1.5 million other seeds for such plants as the Texas bluebonnet, pease beans, corn, peppers, beans, kudzu vines and a variety of herbs, he said. (UPI)

**New diggings dot ranch:** Several new holes in the ground, roughly the size and shape of graves have been discovered at a ranch where at least 13 people were killed last year by a drug-smuggling cult, it was reported Thursday in Matamoros, Mexico.

The Santa Elena ranch near the Texas-Mexico border is where the mutilated bodies, including that of a University of Texas student Mark Kilroy, were unearthed nearly a year ago.

Some of the victims had been tortured before being killed in ritualistic ceremonies at the isolated ranch about 20 miles west of Matamoros.

US officials said they believe the recent diggings at the ranch — now controlled by the Mexican government — are the work of grief-stricken Mexicans looking for missing loved ones.

"There are lots of people who are missing in Mexico," Lt George Gavito of the Cameron County sheriff's office, told the Austin American-Statesman. "They've probably heard about what happened out there and want to go see if their missing relatives are out there." (UPI)

**Churches claim victory:** Organised religious investors claimed a major victory Friday in a reversal of securities and exchange commission policies that will require tobacco companies to include shareholder resolutions to phase out tobacco products in proxy statements.

"This victory is the latest in a series of serious setbacks for the tobacco industry," said Timothy Smith, director of the Interfaith Centre on Corporate Responsibility. (UPI)

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"Counselor," judge Lawrence O'Neill asked Ger Xiong's attorney during the hearing, "is

there any reason that we have a live chicken in the courtroom?"

Besides the chicken, which clucked away in a plastic bag, Xiong brought with him ceremonial papers, incense and a butter knife. The knife was for the chicken, so that its blood could be burned with the court papers if Xiong lost his case — a ceremony intended to direct blame away from the family if the boy's condition is altered.

The family's beliefs seem to be bolstered by experience. Five years ago, in a refugee camp

Filipinos considered this a violation of the October 1988 agreement under which the United States offered \$962 million over two years in return for use of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval base and four smaller installations through the end of their lease in 1991. That offer was subject to congressional ratification.

Talks on extending the lease are expected to begin in a few weeks. But any agreement must be ratified by two-thirds of the 23-member Philippine Senate. More than half the 195-member House of Representatives has already urged Aquino to postpone discussing the bases until the aid was restored.

Before Cheney's visit, which began last

Monday, Aquino said she would not receive the defence chief because she was angry over adverse reports of her administration in the US press.

Filipino officials now insist the "snub" was to demonstrate anger over aid cuts. But Aquino, who bristles at criticism, cited only the press reports, making it appear her decision was more emotional than political.

Filipino diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Washington embassy had warned that the Cheney snub and strong anti-American statements from Congressmen and commentators threatened to undermine US support.

In Manila, Cheney offered no guarantees

the aid would be restored. He cited Congress' desire for fiscal restraint.

Aquino welcomed Cheney's statements of support and said she was ready to negotiate with the Americans in "sincerity and good faith."

An influential minority here believe the bases infringe on sovereignty, contribute to prostitution and drug addiction and should be closed.

Unlike South Koreans who face an enemy to the North, Filipinos generally perceive no external military threat. Therefore, US arguments that the bases are essential for national and regional defence carry little weight here.

Last year, Aquino noted to foreign reporters that the presence of US troops here did not deter Japan from invading in 1941 and doubtless encouraged the attack.

Most Filipinos consider the bases a business deal — letting territory in return for cash — and "failure" to pay constitutes a breach of contract.

Last December, US jets from Clark flew air cover for government forces, and their intervention was widely seen as decisive in defeating the uprising against Aquino.

But the intervention also encouraged a belief that Aquino owes her political survival to the Americans and will ultimately agree to extend the bases at terms favourable only to the United States.

### NEWS IN BRIEF



#### Invasion

Sea lions colonise the boat docks at Pier 39 in San Francisco yesterday. Drawn by an unusually large catch of bay herring, the feisty sea lions have attracted tourists back to the wharf area which had been losing patrons because of the 1989 earthquake. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Cop vs editor

#### Uruguay duel

MONTEVIDEO, Feb 25. (Reuters): Uruguay's government has authorised a senior police officer to challenge a newspaper editor to a duel. Uruguay's Interior Minister Flavio Buscaglia said yesterday.

The government allowed assistant police chief Saul Claveria to challenge the daily La Republica's editor Federico Fassano to a duel after a story in the newspaper said the police officer owned two cars involved in a smuggling case.

"This government has received other such requests, but the previous ministers had a different position (on duelling)," Buscaglia told reporters.

Fassano, who refused to identify the reporters who wrote the story involving Claveria, said he stood by the report and was waiting for the police chief to send his seconds to work out the details for the duel.

Pistols are traditionally the weapon of choice in Uruguay, where duelling is permitted only with official approval.

#### Europe

#### On the brink of food poisoning

Secret evidence that Britain is on the brink of a food poisoning epidemic caused by salmonella in eggs and broiler chickens.

The Sunday Express newspaper said that reported cases have risen to an all-time high in spite of the British government's action taken in the past 17 months.

The paper also noted that the British Ministry of Agriculture has admitted that it is "powerless to act."

Since the government's chief medical officer first issued warnings about infected eggs there has been a parliamentary inquiry and the introduction of a rigorous series of controls.

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## Protests hit five cities in S. Korea

SEOUL, Feb 25. (AP): Radicals shouting anti-government and anti-US slogans tried to attack a US diplomat's residence and clashed with riot police in five cities today, news reports and witnesses said.

Police fired tear-gas to break up protests in Kwangju, Inchon, Taegu, Pusan and Taejon and arrested some 100 people. About 3,000 people joined in the protests, many of them aimed at the recent three-party merger that created a giant new governing party, reports said.

The Yonhap news agency said about 50 radical students shouting "Yankee go home" tried to attack a US diplomat's residence with rocks in the southern city of Kwangju, but police drove them off with tear-gas.

The students were stopped about 10 yards (metres) from the main gate of the residence of Carlton Ames, director of the US cultural centre in Kwangju, shortly before 9 am (0000 GMT), it said.

The US embassy in Seoul confirmed the attempted attack, but declined to comment.

It was not known whether Ames was at home at the time, or whether there was any damage to his residence. Police said there were no arrests or injuries.

Almost simultaneously, two separate groups of about 30 radicals each tried to attack two police substations in Kwangju but also were dispersed by tear-gas firing police, Yonhap said.



People's Liberation Army soldiers take a pledge of loyalty. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Khmer flees in army push

French delay stalls talks



TAPRAYA, Thailand, Feb 25. (Agencies): A combined offensive by Vietnamese and Cambodian government troops pushed today within 12 miles (20 km) of the largest population centre seized by the resistance since Vietnam said it withdrew its army from Cambodia in September, a resistance officer said.

International refugee officials said they feared an attack on nearby refugee camps inside Thailand holding more than 160,000 Cambodians, many of them supporters of the resistance.

Organisers of the Cambodian peace talks said today they feared the unexpectedly delayed arrival of the French representative would cut precious negotiating time from the scheduled-threecday session and hamper progress.

"We have no fixed time" for the appearance of French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, said Indonesian Foreign Minister Al Alatas, acknowledging the gathering could not possibly start early tomorrow as planned but would hopefully begin in the evening with the opening limited to brief remarks.

The officer from the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) said he had retreated from the town of Sway Chek, which fell to the government after massive shelling on Friday.

He said a force of tanks and armoured cars drove about 6 miles (10 km) past Sway Chek, bringing them to within about 12 miles (20 km) of Thmar Puok

district which has about 50,000 people under resistance control. The district was captured by the resistance in October and was believed to be the largest population centre in resistance hands.

"They will have difficulties in attacking Thmar Puok, because we are fully prepared for them," said the officer who asked not to be identified.

He said the KPNLF had laid mines, including anti-tank mines, dug tank traps and prepared bunkers to withstand the expected artillery and tank attack.

The officer said the resistance had three tanks and six artillery pieces captured from the government ready for what could be the first small tank battle of the 11-year-old conflict.

He said the attacking force included 18 Soviet-built T-54 tanks, six armoured personnel carriers, a number of artillery pieces and four truck-mounted BM21 rocket launchers — each with 40 rocket tubes.

A candidate for a five-year term in the largely

## Security on alert in Lhasa

BELIJING, Feb 25. (Reuters): Chinese security forces were on alert for renewed pro-independence demonstrations in Lhasa tomorrow when Tibetans celebrate their New Year festival for the first time under martial law.

Tibetans said the celebrations would be more festive this year, despite the security clampdown, because of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the Dalai Lama, their exiled spiritual leader.

The Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet in 1959 after a mass uprising failed to oust the Chinese, was awarded the peace prize last October for what the Oslo-based Nobel Committee called his "non-violent" struggle for Tibetan independence.

China has repeatedly condemned the award and accused the 49-year-old leader of fomenting unrest in the Himalayan region which Beijing claims to have ruled since the 13th century.

The award triggered celebrations and demonstrations which security forces quickly suppressed in the Tibetan capital.

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Alevis, backed by the Socialists, received 21 votes from the Communist Alliance, and four deputies were absent from the chamber.

In the first round of voting, Sartzetakis, who ran unopposed, received 151 votes.

# China army told be vigilant

## Latest sign Beijing fears further unrest

BEIJING, Feb 25. (Reuters): One of China's top generals has ordered the army to strengthen unity and maintain a high degree of vigilance, official newspapers reported today in the latest sign the Communist Party fears further unrest.

General Yang Baibing, secretary general of the party's central military commission, also told a key meeting of the Beijing area military command yesterday that political education should be strengthened.

"One: Correctly understand the present situation and always maintain a high degree of vigilance," Yang said, quoted by the Liberation Army Daily newspaper, giving the first of his orders.

"We must always value and protect unity

between superiors and the lower ranks, unity between the army and government and between army and people," Yang said.

He also called for strengthened unity between the various field armies that compose the 53.5-million-strong People's Liberation Army, the official New China News Agency said.

Yang, the 70-year-old younger brother of President Yang Shangkun, praised the Beijing military command for "completing its glorious and enormous tasks" in 1989, a year he described as "unforgettable."

Yang's speech appeared aimed at dismissing a widely held belief among people in Beijing that some army units refused to take

part in crushing pro-democracy demonstrations in the capital last June.

Recent similar pronouncements reflected fear among China's leaders that the army could not be relied upon to support the party in the event of further unrest, Western diplomats said.

The authorities say more than 200 people were killed last June 3 and 4, while Western governments estimate the death toll at many hundreds.

The week-long meeting of the Beijing military command comes at a critical time for the leadership as anniversaries of last year's and previous anti-government protests approach.

## Obituary



Sandro Pertini (Reuter wirephoto)  
Pertini, former president, dies at 93

ROME, Feb 25. (Agencies): Sandro Pertini, a highly popular former Socialist President of Italy and World War II hero, died Saturday night at the age of 93, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The blunt-talking Pertini, uninvolved during the Fascist government during the war, served in the largely ceremonial post from 1978 to 1985 while Italy defeated urban terrorism and moved to become one of the world's economic powers.

The Italian news agency ANSA said Pertini died in his sleep after dining with his wife, Carla, in their apartment facing the famous Trevi Fountain in central Rome.

The exact cause of death was not immediately known, but Pertini had not been well since early this month after he left the hospital and his head.

Pertini had expressed the desire to die at home and not be admitted to a hospital. He had asked for a private funeral at his birthplace in northern Italy followed by cremation.

Franco Cossiga, who succeeded Pertini in the presidency, paid a half-hour visit to the apartment Sunday morning.

Pertini, elected by parliament after Giovanni Leone was forced to resign during a scandal, was credited with boosting the morale of Italians during the dark days of terrorism and instilling a sense of pride.

Born in the Italian riverine town of Savona on Sept 25, 1908, Pertini studied law and political science before fighting in World War I.

In 1916 he helped found the Socialist Party in Italy with Pietro Nenni, but he never allowed himself to be restricted by party lines. During the rise of Fascism after World War I, Pertini was imprisoned but managed to escape to France. In 1929, during the regime of dictator Benito Mussolini, he was captured in northern Italy and sentenced again.

The Conservatives currently have a majority of 100 seats after winning 'British' three elections in a row in 1979, 1983 and 1987.

The prime minister does not have to call another election before mid-1992.

The poll recorded 51 per cent support for Labour — up from 12 per cent in January — 34 per cent for the Conservatives and the remaining 15 per cent for minor parties.

Pertini was elected to parliament after the war's end and re-elected continually in the decades that followed — serving two terms as president of the chamber of deputies. For a while he edited the party newspaper, "L'Avanti."

His independent line made him acceptable to an array of parties of the left and right, and as two-term president of the lower house of parliament from 1968 to 1975 he was a noted mediator whenever tempers flared in the chamber.

Pertini had hoped to win the presidency in 1971, but lost to the Christian Democrat Leone. After Leone's fall and the assassination of Aldo Moro — whom many believed to be next in line for the presidency — Pertini emerged as a compromise candidate after 15 ballots in parliament.

He immediately brought an open style on the post, refusing to live in the sumptuous Quirinal palace or to accept the advice of his independent-minded wife.

Pope John Paul II praised Pertini as "a man committed to the struggle for liberty and democracy" Sunday in a message of condolence sent to the Italian head of state.

The Pope expressed particular appreciation for the "anxious attention and constant solidarity" Pertini showed at the time Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca shot and wounded Pope John Paul II in St Peter's Square May 13, 1981.

Although Pertini, who died late Saturday aged 93, styled himself a "non-believer," he established a close friendship with the Pope. On several occasions they dined informally together and in July, 1984 the Pope invited Pertini to join him on a day-skipping trip in the Italian Alps.

The Pope's telegram sent to President Francesco Cossiga said in full:

"Informed by your excellency at dawn this morning of the sad news of the death of Senator Sandro Pertini, your predecessor as president of the republic, I wish to express my profound participation in the grief for the disappearance of the significant figure of a man committed to the struggle for liberty and democracy."

## Delay unity: Maggie

Tories at lowest ebb in opinion polls, Labour ahead

LONDON, Feb 25. (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher insisted in an interview published today that she has been right to speak out against a hasty reunification of the Germans.

"We were the first people to be talking in this way. Everyone is now coming along with us," Thatcher told the Sunday Times.

Thatcher has been criticised at home and abroad for not responding more enthusiastically to the prospect of a quickly reunited Germany, Britain's enemy in two World Wars.

In other developments an opinion poll has found Britain's governing Conservatives at their lowest ebb since Thatcher led them to power nearly 11 years ago.

The Conservatives trail 17 points behind Labour, enough to give the Socialists a 120-seat majority in the House of Commons in a general election, according to the poll by Market Opinion and Research International for the Sunday Times.

The Sunday Times quoted Thatcher as saying that she and Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd have told other governments that they simply will not accept the German reunification and be forced to adapt to it.

Thatcher said Britain was right to insist on a proper framework for German reunification because it is one of the four victorious powers of World War II that govern Berlin. The others are the United States, Soviet Union and France.

She said she had told Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki that she would support his request to have the Germans guarantee the sovereignty of all territory now considered part of Poland. Furthermore, she said other countries, which she did not identify, had asked to be involved in this as well.

Thatcher said she realised Germany had many bad sensitivities and ambitions.

"But so has the rest of Europe. You cannot just ignore the history of this century as if it did not happen, and say, 'we are going to unify and everything else will have to be worked out afterwards.' That is not the way," Thatcher was quoted as saying.

The Sunday Times reported that she said there would have to be a transition period for East Germany to enter the European Economic Community because it had been a Nazi or Communist state since the 1930s. In addition, she said its highly subsidised products clashed with EEC competition laws.

"All this cannot be ignored. It had to be worked out now and we are working it out," Thatcher was reported as saying.

Thatcher again heaped warm praise on the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and expressed confidence that his policies will succeed.

She said: "I think he will win through. I do not think you can expect a change of that magnitude to take place that quickly."

The British leader pointed out "I think Mr Gorbachev has the most dominant personality, added to the most visionary ideals for the Soviet Union. That combination I do not see in anyone else."

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Pope John Paul II praised Pertini as "a man committed to the struggle for liberty and democracy" Sunday in a message of condolence sent to the Italian head of state.

The Pope expressed particular appreciation for the "anxious attention and constant solidarity" Pertini showed at the time Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca shot and wounded Pope John Paul II in St Peter's Square May 13, 1981.

Although Pertini, who died late Saturday aged 93, styled himself a "non-believer," he established a close friendship with the Pope. On several occasions they dined informally together and in July, 1984 the Pope invited Pertini to join him on a day-skipping trip in the Italian Alps.

The Pope's telegram sent to President Francesco Cossiga said in full:

"Informed by your excellency at dawn this morning of the sad news of the death of Senator Sandro Pertini, your predecessor as president of the republic, I wish to express my profound participation in the grief for the disappearance of the significant figure of a man committed to the struggle for liberty and democracy."

**Greek Parliament again fails to elect a president**

ATHENS, Feb 25. (AP): Parliament today failed to elect a head of state in its second round of voting after the conservative New Democracy Party abstained from the roll call.

The action made it impossible for either of the two candidates — incumbent President Christos Sartzetakis and former Parliament speaker Yannis Alevras, backed by the Socialists, received 21 votes from the Communist Alliance, and four deputies were absent from the chamber.

In the first round of voting, Sartzetakis, who ran unopposed, received 151 votes.

House speaker Athanasios Tsakalotos said the third round will be held next Saturday. Parliament may propose a different candidate in each round.

Earlier this month, parliament agreed to hold general elections on April 8, anticipating a deadlock in the presidential balloting. The first task of the new parliament will be to continue voting for a new president.

New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis met with his party's parliamentary group one hour before the voting today and repeated that the Conservatives would abstain from the present balloting.

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# Germany must be in Nato

## Kohl and Bush agree in Camp David meeting

CAMP DAVID, Feb 25, (Agencies): US President George Bush said today he and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl agreed that a unified Germany should remain a full member of the Nato Western military alliance.

He and Kohl held a joint news conference to cap two days of talks at the presidential mountaintop retreat of Camp David.

Bush said the two leaders agreed the territory that is now East Germany should have a special "military status" that would protect the interest of the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union has called for a unified German state to be neutral.

"That enduring German-American partnership has never been stronger, as

Chancellor Kohl steps toward a golden moment in the history of his country," Bush said.

The US President said "if events are moving faster than we expected, it just means our common goal" of a unified Germany would be achieved sooner than expected. Unification talks between East and West Germany are to begin after East German elections March 18.

The four World War II allies — Britain and France, the United States and Soviet Union — have agreed to then hold talks with the two Germanys on external repercussions, including security issues, of reunification.

East Germany is a member of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, and some

European nations along with Moscow support a neutral Germany rather than one allied with the United States and its Nato allies.

East Germany is abandoning its communist government and the Germans are pursuing a common currency based on the West German system.

"The security link between North America and Europe is ... also for a united Germany, of vital importance," Kohl said through an interpreter. He reiterated his support for the continuing presence of US military forces in Germany.

On other key issue of reunification, Kohl said he told Bush his government respects "the legitimate security interests

of all states and we respect people's feelings ... especially addressing our Polish neighbours."

The comment was designed to assuage Poland's concerns that a unified Germany might seek to reclaim territory the allies granted Poland after World War II. About one-third of present-day Poland formerly was German territory.

Kohl stopped short of pledging outright that a unified Germany would give up claims to the region. A final decision on that issue would be made by a "freely elected all-German government and a freely elected all-German Parliament."

Bush then said the United States recognises the existing German-Polish border, backing Poland's position.



Bush waves from a golf cart as he welcomes Kohl at the Camp David presidential retreat. (Reuter wirephoto)



Bush talks to Kohl (left) as Baker (right) looks on. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Mandela urges black unity

DURBAN, South Africa, Feb 25, (Reuter): Nationalist leader Nelson Mandela made a stirring appeal for unity against apartheid today, telling black factions fighting in South Africa's Natal province to throw their guns into the sea.

"Our unity is our defence, and the unmaking of our oppressors," he told a rally of 100,000 people in Durban capital of the Indian Ocean province, where more than 2,000 people have died in three years of fighting between rival blacks.

"Take your guns, your knives, your pangas (swords) and throw them into the sea. End this war," he said.

In a test of his authority over voiceless majority blacks, the African National Congress (ANC) figurehead offered to make peace with the rival Zulu Inkatha Movement and announced he would soon hold peace talks with Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini.

Clashes between members of the country's largest black tribe and ANC allies in the United Democratic Front (UDF) anti-apartheid coalition in Natal have also made up to 100,000 people homeless.

Mandela freed two weeks ago from a life jail term for conspiracy to overthrow white rule, said the violence had caused him the most anguish of his later years in prison.

Making his third speech at a rally since his release, he said: "We extend the hand of peace to

## He's only a man: Mandela ex-wife

LONDON, Feb 25, (Reuter): The former wife of Nelson Mandela said in an article today the world expected too much of the man she once loved but who later abandoned and humiliated her.

Evelyn Mandela, who was divorced from the South African black leader in 1957, told the Sunday Telegraph the marriage ran into difficulties when Mandela became more involved with the African National Congress and often failed to return home at night.

"When I asked about it, he said 'no policemen ask questions like you,'" said the 68-year-old Bible teacher who bore Mandela four children.

She dismissed a comment by Frank Chikane, the secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches, who likened Mandela's release after 27 years in prison to

the second coming of Christ.

"The whole world worships Nelson too much. He is only a man," she said.

Evelyn said she and Mandela had not communicated since their divorce and his marriage to Winnie Madikizela a year later.

"When he was arrested in 1962 I went to see him, but he didn't want to see me. I felt so humiliated," she said at her home in the black homeland of Transkei.

She said she would never expect to see Mandela again but wished him well.

"Nelson knows where I am, but I won't be contacting him. He might be president of this country but it will be under difficult conditions because there will be no peace. I wish him well ... but the world is building Nelson up too much. I know he is only a man," Evelyn said.

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Mandela said he had never felt a moment's hatred for a white person despite the years of police harassment suffered by his wife Winnie and their family.

Mandela said the treatment of his family by the authorities made him angry but he could never hate the individuals carrying out the policies of apartheid.

"Anger is a temporary feeling. You soon forget it, particularly if you are involved in positive activities and attitudes," he said.

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It is a statement likely to displease the million-strong Inkatha organisation, Mandela claimed the recently-legalised ANC was South Africa's premier political force.

But he added it recognised the right of all non-racist groups to participate in political life.

He also paid tribute to the legendary martial prowess of the six million Zulu nation, the bane of Isandlwana in the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879 when Zulus with spears defeated British forces equipped with rifles and artillery.

Speaking in English and Zulu and flanked by his wife Winnie and close comrade Walter Sisulu on the podium, he urged women to lead the drive for reconciliation.

"Tell your sons, your brothers and your husbands that you want peace and security ... open your cooking pots and ask them why there is so little food inside," he said.

The answer, he said, was "our common deprivation."

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Tribal巫医表演。 (Reuter wirephoto)

# West Africa's old guard rattled by protests for reforms

COTONOU, Benin, Feb 25, (Reuter): Emboldened by the fall of Eastern Europe's dictatorships, many young West Africans are clamouring for the political freedom and prosperity that their old guard autocratic leaders have failed to deliver.

The suddenness and scale of the discontent has surprised many of the generals and tribal chiefs who have ruled much of former French West Africa with an iron hand for decades.

Protests since December by government workers who have not been paid and students with bright job prospects have quickly turned political.

Demonstrators calling for an end to one-party rule have faced bullets in Benin and

Niger, tanks in Gabon and tear-gas in Ivory Coast.

The pressure for change was illustrated last week by three unprecedented events:

- Widespread student demonstrations against Ivorian leader Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Africa's longest serving president.

- The forced agreement by Benin's President Mathieu Kerekou that opponents could rewrite the constitution and pave the way for his possible removal through elections.

- The dissolution of Gabon's ruling party and the creation of what President Omar Bongo called a new reform-minded party.

The collapse of single-party rule in Eastern

Europe has encouraged the protesters to believe their leaders are not invincible, according to students, politicians, academics and diplomats in the region.

But the driving force behind the unrest has been sub-Saharan Africa's painful slide into poverty during the 1980s, they said.

Africans are no better off now than they were 20 years ago while living standards elsewhere have risen. Black Africa's output of goods and services is the same as that of tiny Belgium.

Most sub-Saharan countries have adopted International Monetary Fund (IMF) reforms resulting in painful cuts in government spending and massive redundancies.

Falling export earnings, economic mismanagement, corruption and the lack of constitutional checks and balances have brought several African countries to the brink of collapse.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Benin, where 15 years of Marxism-Leninism have left the former French colony virtually bankrupt and at the mercy of Western donors.

"This country like many others has had to hit rock bottom before it would listen," said Nicéphore Soglo, a Beninese economist who has left the World Bank to begin a political career back home.

At Western bidding Kerekou abandoned

fidence of all political forces to work out reforms against a background of student protests and civil service strikes.

"This conference and the call for political mass is a direct result of the economic crisis," a monetary official said.

"Countries like Ivory Coast and Cameroun, where the banking system is wobbling and the economy in difficulty, are not immune to the same," Soglo said.

"Leaders used to say that Africa was not ripe for democracy," Soglo said. "That is not the case. The truth is there is no lasting development or structural adjustment without multi-party democracy."

Senegal is the only West African state with

multiple parties although English-speaking Nigeria, which has Black Africa's biggest economy and population, plans to return from military rule to a two-party civilian democracy by 1992.

Since the unrest began France has kept a low public profile but its role in the future of its old colonies and their leaders is crucial. African politicians agree. French aid keeps many of them afloat and French troops are stationed in Ivory Coast, Gabon, Chad, Senegal and the Central African republic.

"So far France is sticking to the status quo and standing by the old guard," said an African politician who declined to be identified.

# Lithuanians vote for independence

## Sajudis sweep to victory

VILNIUS, USSR, Feb 25, (Agencies): Lithuania's opposition Sajudis organisation swept to victory in most declared election results today as the Soviet republic's voters dealt a crushing blow to the Communist Party.

But Sajudis leader Vytautas Landsbergis cautioned that new, almost dictatorial powers sought by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may become the main obstacle to Lithuanian independence and that military intervention could not be ruled out.

"Gorbachev may get a wide scope of power," Landsbergis said adding "they want to stop the collapse of the Soviet Union. The power may be aimed at blocking Lithuanian independence."

He said Sajudis representatives and Lithuanian Communist Party leader Algirdas Brazauskas will travel to Moscow this evening to start talks with the Soviet leadership.

Brazauskas scored an overwhelming victory in the first official results announced by the election commission.

A likely presidential contender in a free Lithuania, the popular leader, who withdrew his party from the Soviet Communist Party, won 91.7 per cent of the votes in his district.

Official results from Saturday's election were slow in coming, but unofficial results provided by the well-organised Sajudis umbrella organisation said a landslide victory had been won.

"If it is not a landslide, I don't know what a landslide is," said Algimantas Chuolis, member of Sajudis 35-person executive council who added independence of Moscow was "attainable this year."

Sajudis official Rupysyte Augonite said the organisation's candidates had won 72 seats in the 142-member Parliament while the two communist parties had won no mandates. Run-offs would have to be held in 43 races in which no candidate won more than half the votes.

Augonite said six races were to be held again due to unspecified voting irregularities.

Of the 90 results released so far, Sajudis said 48 are non-parry, 22 are from the independent Lithuanian Communist Party, seven from the Moscow-backed Communist Party, nine Social Democrats, two Greens and two Christian Democrats.

But the Sajudis spokeswoman said the new Parliament, which is expected to call for independence of the Soviet Union, would be unable to convene because half of its members have not been elected.

Augonite said run-offs were to take place on March 10 and the six repeated elections on April 7.

Chuolis said elections were boycotted in one region of Snieckus outside Vilnius by the Russian population which did not want to vote for Sergei Ryzhikov, a member of the loyalist communists who was running unopposed.

"The Sajudis results are confirmed by the election commission, they would give the organisation outright control of the Parliament and set the stage for Lithuania's independence from a half century Soviet rule."

As voters flocked to the polls Saturday, many residents said the elections opened a new chapter in Lithuanian history because the Parliament would be chosen democratically for the first time since the Soviet Union absorbed the tiny nation, along with neighbouring Estonia and Latvia, in 1940.

"The nation will choose its own Parliament," said Wladyslaw Maksiewicz, one of Lithuania's 400,000 ethnic Poles. "Soviet rule has ruined us, and we have to repair everything."

It cited the state prosecutor as saying Honecker, swept from office in October after 18 years in power, was accused of paying 75 million marks (\$44 million) of the money loaned to him alone a year earlier.

Honecker, 77, faces charges of corruption along with about 30 other leaders of his former government. Six former members of his ruling Politburo are in prison, but he has been freed to recover from a cancer operation.

Since the early 1960s Bonn has paid East Germany huge sums to allow political prisoners — usually dissident or people caught trying to flee to the West — to emigrate.

The agreements, always surrounded by secrecy, were denounced by critics as "trading in human flesh." But Bonn insisted it helped ease suffering caused by the division of families and by a harsh Marxist government. (Reuter)

# Anti-communist protest in Sofia

## Anger at slow pace of reform

SOFIA, Feb 25, (Reuter): More than 50,000 Bulgarians



King Hussein of Jordan (top) opens the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) summit in Amman. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Arab move to halt Jewish migration

Diplomatic offensive planned

AMMAN, Feb 25. (Agencies): Arab countries are to launch a diplomatic offensive against the influx of Soviet Jews to Israel, seeking action from the United Nations and planning to put pressure on Soviet, US, and European leaders.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Qassem told a news conference after a four-nation summit that Arab foreign minister would meet in Tunis next month to plan their operation.

The leaders of Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and North Yemen, grouped in the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), said after a one-day summit yesterday that the Soviet Jewish migration was a flagrant violation of international law and human rights.

The ACC leaders said Washington and Moscow were responsible for the Soviet Jewish influx and branded it "an open aggression against the rights of the Palestinian people and a threat to the Arab order and current Middle East peace efforts."

Several hundred thousand Soviet Jews now arriving in Israel at the rate of 4,000 to 5,000 a month have settled in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to 1.7 million Palestinians.

Qassem told reporters late yesterday that a comprehensive Arab course of action on the Soviet Jewish exodus would be decided next month by the Arab League foreign ministers.

"Our leaders have directed that we move with the rest of the Arab brothers at the next meetings of the foreign ministers which will take place next month in Tunis and from there we will launch a comprehensive Arab plan of action on the American, Soviet and European scene," Qassem said.

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# 2 Palestinians may join talks

## Israel relents a little

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 25. (Agencies): US Secretary of State James Baker has discussed with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens a proposal to let two Palestinian activists join Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, Israel television said yesterday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was likely to meet Arens and two other top ministers to review the proposal, which envisages an Arab expelled from the occupied territories and an East Jerusalem resident joining the talks, a broadcaster said.

The television said the idea was raised in a Washington meeting on Friday between Arens and Baker in recent talks between Likud Party Minister Without Portfolio Ehud Olmert and US officials.

The United States and Egypt, which are sponsoring first-ever Israeli-Palestinian talks on Israel's plan for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, are pressuring the Jewish state for a quick decision to keep diplomatic efforts alive.

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# Jewish emigration a threat: Khalifa

UAE finds Opec quota unacceptable

By Mohammed Zain

THE President of the United Arab Emirates, the government and its people believe that the Jewish immigration to Israel, is one of the most dangerous turning points in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict since 1967.

Commenting on this issue in an exclusive wide-ranging interview with the Arab Times, the Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan said that the immigration of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine does not only threaten the occupied Arab lands of Palestine, but the rest of the Arab world as well.

The official went on to state: "Emerging from its expansionist nature, Israel is looking to annex more Arab territories in the same manner that the Jewish immigration in the '30s and '40s of this century established the Jewish state in Palestine in 1948."

Sheikh Khalifa said that any addition to Israeli strength, economic, political and human, certainly reduces the opportunities of achieving a just peace in the Middle East. Such unchecked Jewish immigration will lead to dangerous imbalance in the population in favour of Israel, allowing it to annex the remaining parts of the Arab occupied lands, ultimately resulting in threatening Arab security as a whole.

#### Strategies

Commenting on strategies to address the Israeli ambitions of achieving a greater Israel, the official said that some called for stopping the immigration, while others called for convening an extraordinary Arab summit to discuss a framework and still others called for forming an Arab committee to hold contacts with the Soviet Union and other parties concerned with the issue headed by the United States. All these options, the official said still fell far short of redressing the dangers posed by the influx of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine.

Sheikh Khalifa advocated calling urgently on the Soviet Union as a friendly superpower that has always supported the Arab cause to take necessary and practical measures to stop the flow of Soviet Jews to Israel. He added that the two superpowers and all peace loving people should rescind their passive attitudes towards this crime which violates the moral obligations of the big powers and others by permitting a man to be expelled from his house and replaced with a stranger.

The UAE, the official said calls for a high-level Arab move to be directed at the two superpowers and other countries concerned as also international organisations to stop directing the new Soviet Jews immigrant to the Arab lands.

In reply to a query about the recent agreement of Opec on production quotas, Sheikh Khalifa said that the UAE has honestly worked for the unity of Opec and for the stability of the oil market. To maintain the solidarity of Opec members, Sheikh Khalifa said that the UAE has accepted a smaller production quota — though it is not suitable to oil capabilities. He categorically stated: "We



Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan pictured with Arab Times correspondent Mohammed Zain.

The official said that all members of the UAE establishment are willing to meet and confer with citizens which is one trait of all the agreements on oil production quotas. "It has now become unacceptable for us after the latest Opec agreements to continue to bear these sacrifices alone and adversely affect our oil relations in the international market."

#### Consultation

He stressed the element of shura consultation as a basis for ruling in Islam as deeply established in the system and that the economic oil-related boom had not undermined the operations of this principle. He added that democracy and shura are deeply entrenched as a way of life which constitutes a solemn bond for national unity as publicly embodied in the UAE Federal National Council and the National Consultative Council.

The official said that the deep sense of national responsibility had opened up new vistas of success and strengthened the shura-based system which led to better manifestation of commitment and refinement of performance. He added that the elements of regional stability resulting from the cessation of the Iraq-Iran war had ushered in a new cycle of economic stability which synchronised with the improvement of oil prices.

Since 1988, bank debts were controlled and the UAE economy stabilised as a result of co-operation between the local banks and the Central Bank which overcame bad debts which emerged during the period of economic recession (1982-1986). He pointed out that the debts problem was experienced by all industrial and developing worlds.

He described past years as a period of slump in oil prices which dictated the need for oil producing countries to resort to rationalisation of expenditure. With respect to the UAE, he said that it had learnt several lessons from this era which have given it a clear vision towards the future on how to moderate our decisions with respect to international issues.

The official accorded great importance to national security and safeguarding of national achievements. These he said formed a central point in UAE national policy which emanated in the belief that social and economic development should be placed under arms protection.

Speaking on the issue of UAE

arms arsenal, the official drew on the famous saying of the President of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan who said: "Weakness invites aggression." The official commented that building of the country's strength is a step towards safeguarding and protecting peace, national achievements and our homeland. This, he said becomes a strategic requirement due to the vital location of our country.

The aspect of peace, he said is too valuable to be left unprotected and so is security, particularly in a developing country and that the best guarantee for peace is being ready and continue to build one's power. The official commented that the UAE has the best ties with neighbouring countries — based on brotherhood, the same common goal and the furtherance of the cause of justice.

The official expressed his appreciation for the support provided by brotherly states and friends in the initial stages of UAE's build-up of military strategy and for the assistance of experts in qualifying citizens of UAE in building up their military acumen.

He said that the emergence of Arab co-operation councils is but the result of strenuous endeavours to bring closer divided ranks of the Arab nation, contribute to ongoing efforts to achieve Arab unity and fulfil the pan-Arab aspiration towards the creation of a unified Arab force. In this respect, he said that any co-operative effort at a bilateral level is a good step towards positive contribution to building of Arab unity. Thus, existing regional or individual co-operation councils would not result in any conflict as they operate within the framework of the same Arab strategy. He urged urgency in attaining Arab unity to be better able to withstand economic and political challenges.

#### Co-operation

The official commented that the emergence of different Arab co-operation councils is a sure sign that an all-out Arab awakening is in progress and a strong manifestation that the Arab nation is fully capable of

appreciating the dangers of today. This he said is specially true at a time when there are strong attempts in the Western world to create a unified system for better operation and performance — such as the proposed European economic unit.

On the international scene, he said that amidst ongoing liberal changes that swept through East Europe into the USSR, the UAE had not overlooked building for itself an outstanding position in the world community as part of its policy of international openness and its awareness of rapid developments in the international arena.

He added that the President, Sheikh Zayed had the deep insight to lead the country to establishing bridges of cooperation with all sisterly and friendly countries in the world, based on a mutually respected principle of non-intervention into domestic affairs. However, the official said that normalisation of relations between the Gulf states and East European countries is a matter of individual concern of each country.

He underlined the deep concern by the GCC leaders to the events in East Europe and their mutual belief in unity of action towards these events. He disclosed that an extensive discussion of the dimensions of these changes was conducted during the recent GCC summit in Muscat and a ministerial committee was set up to follow this issue and prepare an adequate report.

#### Effects

Speaking of the change in the nature of the relations between the two superpowers, Sheikh Nahayan said that they would have far-reaching effects on international relations and on Arab relations.

Even if the Arabs did not get directly involved in conflict, the Arab arena will witness different forms of changes, the official said and called for joint co-operation at all levels to avoid being in the spectator's seat. He underscored this co-operative effort, particularly as the IAEA entity is one of the fastest regimes to react and benefit from these changes in the Western camp through establishing better relations and securing the emigration of a many Jewish emigrants as possible.

He stressed that we as Arabs must define our position and vis-a-vis, changes in the Eastern camp. He added that the coming stage is seen as a period of settling issues which have been suspended over a long period of time and we must take vital action to establish better relations with the West and the East.

He stressed the need to mobilise Arab potentials in the best interest of pan-Arab welfare and to maximise investment of Arab power. Pointing out that the decade of the 1990s leaves no room for the weak or the small, the official recommended re-drawing our international political policies based on careful plans and objectives.

He urged all Arabs to appreciate the unity of their destiny which is embodied in closing Arab ranks and unifying Arab will based on literal enactment and implementation of laws and teachings of the great religion, Islam.

## Computerisation in co-ops soon: Souraj

ALL co-operative societies will be computerised within the coming three years, according to Chairman of Co-operative Societies Union, Saad Al Souraj.

The introduction of computer facilities are intended to streamline functions of inventory, accounting, ordering of goods, administration and to assist customers.

Speaking to a local daily, the official said that priority is accorded to national products and emphasis is placed on marketing and advertising. These steps are intended to improve consumer confidence in national products and enlighten them on the quality of these products.

He commented on the need to redesign some of the regulations of committees attached to the union which have now become outdated. He stressed that it is vital that these committees adhere to the rapid developments taking place in the co-operative movement in the country.

He said that the renewal of ration cards which was organised last year is still valid and co-operation between the union and Kuwait Municipality is carried out comprehensively. He praised efforts at establishing temporary slaughterhouses during the Eid Al Adha holidays indicating their importance in preventing exploitation of prices and protection of consumers.

Souraj called upon the Audit Bureau to be responsible for the accountancy of co-operative societies to prevent the occurrence of any cheating or fraud in the past.

He stated that the Co-operative Societies Union has unified prices of more than 70,000 commodities adding that it is far more pragmatic to permit the society's management to manage its own branches independently.

The official said that during the coming years the union will place more emphasis on the Co-operative Magazine to give consumers a clearer picture on the undertaking of the union and societies activities and services. The union will be distributing about 50,000 to 60,000 copies of the magazine in the near future, he added.

Meanwhile, the officials added that the union will prepare the establishment of a co-operative library which will include a large variety of books which reflect the activities of the co-operative movement, its accomplishment and objectives. The library will also gather all information on marketing, products qualities and a number of references and publications. The union is also looking in the feasibility of changing the current union's building premises to accommodate the 300,000 shareholders.

# EPC studying glass-recycling

33,000 tons discarded annually

THE Environment Protection Council is studying the feasibility of establishing a glass-recycling plant, according to Dr Mishael Al Mishan, head of the environmental studies section of the council.

He said that the council had suggested in one of its studies to build a centre for gathering and sorting out discarded paper and glass materials with the ultimate objective of recycling them.

The official stressed on the importance of laying down a clear policy in organising the collection, sorting and recycling of these materials.

He went on to state that burying remains of these items as is being done presently makes it difficult to use the land for other purposes in the future. This is true because glass remains whole, even if it is buried for several years.

Mishan said that the recycling project is intended to be taken up as a co-operative venture between Kuwait Municipality and

the Environmental Protection Council. Discarded glass is estimated to be in the vicinity of 33,000 tonnes a year and the cost of treating the remains of glass is estimated at about three Kuwaiti dinars per tonne, the official said.

#### Project

The council has selected a national company that manufactures glass to execute the project, because it is the only local company that re-manufactures waste glass.

The company had made several attempts to collect discarded glass, but their efforts proved unsuccessful. He hoped that the local soft drinks bottling companies will contribute to the success of the project.

The project will be carried out on an experimental basis for three months based on two different methods. The first will involve placing containers at Abdulla Al Salem suburb's Cooperative and Jahra Cooperative Society. People will be asked to place the throw away glass bottles in these containers

and obtain vouchers from the society against which purchases could be effected. The value of the vouchers will depend on the number of bottles placed in these containers, the official said.

The second plan envisages placing sacks specialised for storing glass bottles at certain housing areas to be collected by cleaning companies.

Kuwait utilises only one per cent of all glass discarded which are those that are damaged during the bottling process. More than 20,000 tonnes of glass in Kuwait represent the throw-away bottles and the project is expected to solve 60 to 70 percent of the problem of glass remains in the country, the official said.

If this project is successful, it will be followed by similar projects for paper, tyres, motor oil and iron. However, the main difficulty in making these projects feasible, is to overcome the obstacle of collection and transporting these items to the factory, Mishan said.

## Commerce law being revamped

By Khaled Ahmed

THE present law of commercial companies which was issued more than 25 years ago, is now being seen as inadequate to address the present developments and is to be amended, according to a responsible source at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Accordingly, the Fatwa and Legislation Department has set up two work teams to study details of these amendments prepared by the ministry several months ago. The two teams will be co-ordinating all feed-back received from ministries and relevant departments related to these amendments.

The present law needs appropriate amendments as there are several draw backs which prevent the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Joint Economic Committee issued last December relating to the merger of banks and stock companies.

Sources said that the Ministry of Commerce will amend the articles of the law that prevent the application of these decisions and recommendations. The new law is expected to be issued within a period of six months to a year and will incorporate over 400 new articles.

Meanwhile, the director of the legal department at the Ministry of Finance Abdul Mohsen Al Usman has said that his department will complete issuing two executive tax laws and law of state properties besides preparing a new draft law for state properties and a draft law of tax.

Headed that the legal department is working to attract law graduates to join the working team and to reorganise the department. The department also appoints graduates of law in the capacity of law researchers as also other experts of law.

## Dental Week, March 10-12

KUWAIT Dentist's Society will organise the Eleventh Dental Health Week which is scheduled to be held from March 10-12, 1990.

The organisers of the week, Dr Fatima Al Zaabi said that the week aims at displaying dental health via posters, publications and the exhibition will include a special section on Kuwait's dental services, developments and

methods applied in the treatment and prevention of dental diseases.

The exhibition will also include a special awareness programme for schools.

Kuwait television and radio will be introducing special programmes on the occasion and the Ministry of Education will also actively participate in the activities of the week by presenting special models, the official said.

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We have to determine whether the packages were washed overboard in heavy seas," he added. "The legal position also depends on how they were packed."

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# No Gulf peace yet: Bishara

## GCC gearing to keep guns silent

LONDON, Feb 25. (Kuna): GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara has said the worst part of the Gulf war is over and pointed out that the Gulf Co-operation Council's strategy

is geared now to cool volatility in the region and keep guns silent.

The GCC chief executive, in an interview published here today in the Arabic-language Al Sharq Al Awsat (Middle East) newspaper, said the Gulf countries were experiencing an economic recovery since Iran and Iraq agreed to a ceasefire in the summer of 1988.

But he conceded that an official agreement on peace between the two Gulf belligerents was not in the offing and said the six-member GCC is doing all it can not to let the region slip into a political vacuum, with the Iranian-Iraqi peace talks dragging on at a snail's pace.

The GCC is in constant contact with the United Nations and the big powers to ensure that the UN-sponsored mediation in the Gulf would not falter.

"We have passed through the bad chapter in the Gulf region

...and are heading, God willing, for the last comfortable chapter of stability and peace, and this will take time," he said.

Bishara underlined GCC efforts to mend fences with Iran and pointed out that encouraging signals have been coming from Tehran.

"There is no reason that we

should take a negative attitude," he added, referring to historic and religious ties between Iran and its Arab Gulf neighbours.

On the GCC position on changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, Bishara said the Gulf countries were closely watching those developments with an eye on prospects for future economic ties between the two sides.

He indicated that the GCC is keen to know where East European countries will shop for energy and whether they would pay in hard currency or resort to barter.

Another question in mind would be "What is our share in the East European market?" said the chief executive of the Gulf Co-operation Council which

groups the six oil rich states of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

But Bishara said that it was now premature to establish economic contacts with Eastern Europe which he said was "in a period of transition."

Asked to comment on Iraq's recent demand that the US naval units leave Gulf waters, he reiterated the GCC conviction that the Gulf should be "a lake of peace, stability and security."

He noted that the "confusion" that prevailed in the region during the Gulf war was behind the intervention of foreign fleets in the Gulf.

Without blaming any specific party, he particularly cited interception of international sea routes.

"When the fleet" owners come to believe that intervention in international routes was over, their position might change," he said.

On last week's meeting in Granada, Spain, between GCC and European Economic Com-

munity industrialists, he deplored trade links between the two sides by saying they were still without clear shape.

He added in four years of contacts with the EEC, it has been found that the European industrialists are resting heavily on political decisions and have argued against a free trade formula with the GCC.

He said the Granada meeting, which brought together the largest number of delegates from the two sides since such contacts began, produced no joint ventures or other agreements.

Bishara said the Gulf countries were seeking to see their political ties with the EEC parallel economic links.

He said the GCC can offer Europe a large market and capital for joint ventures in addition to oil.

In return it looks to the continent for markets, technology and infra-structure.

The two sides have not embarked on official negotiations which would hinge on an EEC-GCC ministerial meeting in Oman next month, he said.



Young people spray each other with foam as they jubilantly celebrate the occasion.



A little child rides a pony at the Shaab gardens.

# Kuwait celebrates National Day

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while citizens' houses as well as government buildings were lit in colours from top to bottom.

In the meantime, Governor of Al Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem attended a celebration at Al Khairan Sea-front Recreation Centre, where popular groups also danced on traditional songs.

Motorists, especially living and around the Gulf Street and in Salmiya and Salwa found themselves making through traffic jams. The traffic police has withdrawn 5,000 driving licences from youths who broke traffic rules, including a ban on car processions, which are considered to be the cause of most traffic jams.

The Interior Ministry has deployed extra mobile patrols, which could be spotted in nearly all suburbs yesterday. An official source said patrols were beefed up to ensure "safety and security" during the "National Day" celebrations.

Today, a fireworks display will take place at the Jazira Stadium at 4 pm. This will be followed by the opening of a handicraft exhibition in a popular cafe in Salmiya. Folklore troupe will perform in Salmiya and Abu Hafez, and in some parts in the same areas. A musical will be performed at the Shamiya Theatre at 7.30 pm.

Official celebrations end on Feb 28 by unfurling the Kuwaiti flag, hoisted in the Green Island, at the start of the festivities.

At Youm Al Bahar arena, which is built in a way that portrays old Kuwait, people gathered around popular groups singing and dancing traditional folklore on this occasion as children enjoyed riding wooden seesaws and merry-go-rounds.

Others, in their cars, moving bumper to bumper cruised the Arabian Gulf Street blowing horns and singing patriotic songs as they were raising the national flag over their automobiles.

Films portraying achievements of Kuwait throughout history were shown to the guests while booklets on Kuwait were distributed.

• Kuwaiti Ambassador to the UAE Muhammad Al Latifi hailed the wise policy of Kuwait at all levels that lifted the country to higher levels.

The diplomat said the government has built an economic base through comprehensive and well studied principles.

He noted that the support by Kuwait Fund confirms Kuwait's intention to boost co-operation among Arab and Muslim states.

In Rome, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Italy Ahmad Al Ghazi hosted a reception commemorating the 29th National Day.

Ghazi and the embassy's staff received congratulations from ranking Italian officials as well as members of the foreign and Arab diplomatic corps in Rome.

Meanwhile, Tunisian Al Sherouq newspaper, shed light on Kuwait's foreign and economic policies as well as the country's flourishing development at all levels during the past 30 years.

■ Jordanian dailies devoted big spaces to highlight Kuwaiti celebrations on its 29th National Day.

Daily "Al Dustoor" assigned a full page in which it commented on the feats Kuwait accomplished in the past and present and the prosperity in all fields.

It said that Kuwait's independence is the fruit of persistent and continuous work, pointing out to the role Kuwait plays in backing Arab causes, spearheaded by the Palestinian dilemma.

■ The association of Kuwait students in France, based in Besancon, organised in that eastern town of France, a two-day Kuwaiti festival, on

the eve of the National Day in Kuwait.

The "Kuwaiti Bedouin" festival was inaugurated last Friday by the cultural adviser at the Kuwait embassy in Paris, Abdul Latif Al Belushi, in the presence of a representative of the Kuwaiti Information Ministry, Ebubekr Al Zaabi, the deputy and mayor of Besancon, the dean of the university, teachers and a number of guests.

The festival, organised with the help of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Information, gave students and people in that eastern French town a clearer picture of what is really Kuwait, known to them only as an oil rich Gulf country.

The local press highlighted Kuwait's accomplishments during the past years and called on the people to close ranks to protect Kuwait's achievements and national unity.

As Kuwait celebrates its National Day, "As Salam" a local Arabic daily, "This is an occasion for sacrifice to protect the country's independence, accomplishments and national unity."

The newspaper praised HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad's initiative to start a dialogue to restore parliamentary life in the country.

"We have surpassed the state of no dialogue," said another daily who stressed, "open dialogue will certainly lead to the desired goals."

Today's celebrations, has better conditions than previous celebrations on all levels, said the daily. "We are optimistic of this direction in this condition and we believe that our future celebrations will be better than today's."

The daily Al Seyassah said, the people should co-operate with the leadership noting, "We believe that this leadership is one of us, and that the leadership is fighting our problems with us."

# Light flautist fantasy at International

By Jadranka Portor  
Arab Times staff

IN A concert Saturday night four young Australian flute players, known as Quatre F. Flutes, demonstrated with ease the versatility of the instrument in a programme that spanned four centuries.

The numbers, chosen more for their popular appeal than musical superiority, could impress even those in the audience who may not consider themselves flute music fans.

The concert began with a light-hearted 16th century piece by Maudit Soyt that evoked images of pastoral scenes and could form the background for informal occasions at royal palaces during the Renaissance.

The next piece by the players' famous countryman Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart took us to elegant salons where opulence and dignity prevailed.

And baroque music was represented by Bach's *Fuga*.

An interesting piece of music was First Quartet for Four Flutes by Anton Bernhard Forstenu which ends with a solemn movement that once used to be the national anthem of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

As a concession to the audience the Quatre F. Flutes departed from

their classical tunes to play Scott Joplin's *Maple Leaf Rag*, a piece of music with instant appeal.

The flute is an instrument exceptionally effective in drawing a musical picture of an impressive landscape. Nowhere was that more evident than in a composition *Jour D'Ete à la Montagne* (A Summer Day in the Mountains) by contemporary composer Eugene Bozza. His music is crisp, cheerful or subdued as he describes meadows, forests and mountain brooks. It culminates in an exciting movement entitled *Aux Bords du Torrent* (On the Banks of the Mountain Stream) when the flutes, each following a droplet of water, join to form a swift wild rushing stream. The music with its frenzied pace and sudden rise and drop of pitch is reminiscent of the Flight of the Bumble Bee by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov. This is a rewarding and challenging composition for performers and a delight for the audience.

The Quatre F. Flutes' debut at the Kuwait International Hotel was somewhat marred by the cacophony rising from the adjacent Arabian Gulf Street where people celebrating Kuwait's National Day repeatedly sounded their horns in what appeared to be an endless river of traffic.

But the young players took it in the right spirit and were rewarded with a generous applause and requests for an encore.

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I HAVE been working in an establishment, which I refer to as a sub-company, for more than eight years. But my length of service was interrupted twice — first in May 1985 and then in May 1989 due to management transfer formalities.

I would like to know if the process of transfer from one sub-company to another constitutes justification of the length of service being cut from time to time?

Does the management of the branch company have the legal authority to withhold payment of indemnity when in fact we are considered as new employees from June 1. I would like to point out that the management is ready to pay the indemnity but the head of our department refuses to comply.

John

IF IT IS a branch or sub-company as you say, then it is like working for the same employer. I don't know what the legal situation of the sub-company is. I prefer to see the documents, if any, to give appropriate advice.

Mostly, in such cases, the sub-company is considered as a branch of the parent company; employees in this situation are considered to have continuous contracts and the benefits will be based on the terms of the continuous contract.

If you feel that you have any problems with this employer, you can file a case against both companies — the parent firm and the sub-company. The court will determine whether they are right or not in withholding indemnity payment. All aspects of the case will be taken into consideration while issuing a judgement.

Did you get a new contract? If yes, this seems like a complicated question. I must read the first and the second contract to get an idea of the exact situation you are in. If the company has given the benefits, then you have the right to get the indemnity at the end of the service period. But I cannot give any firm advice until I have seen all the documents.

Article 59 of the labour law, which covers such situations, stipulates: "The

labour contract shall be terminated in the case of the firm's dissolution, liquidation, lockout, bankruptcy, merger with other firms, transfer by inheritance, legacy, donation, sale or any other legal act, and the labourer's indemnity shall become a due debt which the successor is liable to settle. The labourers may continue to serve the successor with reservation of their right of indemnity for the previous years of service."

WE CAME to Kuwait on Dec 1, 1989 but our company provided work only after Dec 25. The company also kept one month salary as a deposit. This means that we will get our first salary after three months time. We feel that the company should pay us from the date of entering Kuwait.

Sri Lankan workers

IF YOU came to Kuwait on Dec 1 on the basis of the company, you have the right to get the salary from that date, because you came here to work. If the employer did not provide you work, it is not your fault. The employer can't withhold a month's salary as deposit. You can file a case to get the salary, and if you want to leave the job you can ask for your benefits.

I AM a non-Arab expatriate working here for the past 30 years. I am in the process of obtaining citizenship of another country. After receiving my new papers, I have to renounce my previous nationality. If I intend to continue working here, can I transfer the work visa from my old passport (of previous nationality) to the new passport (new nationality)? Do I have to leave Kuwait and return with a new visa since my nationality has now changed?

I draw a salary of KD700. Can I sponsor my minor child born abroad, keeping in mind that both our nationalities differ? Will there be any problems in bringing him here?

I've tried to get answers but I have not received any satisfactory answer. I will be grateful if you could guide me in this matter.

F.M.



IF YOU get the new passport here in Kuwait, you can use the previous passport as evidence that you are the same person and get the visa transferred. Only the immigration department can tell you whether this can be accepted or not, but this is one way of handling the matter.

To bring your newborn child, you can include the minor's name in your passport and then you can sponsor him to bring him here. As he will enter on a passport held by you, he will be considered as holding the same nationality.

It is advisable to approach the top management at the immigration department, like a manager or director, who will be able to guide you on the matter as they have an idea of the rules and will be able to give you appropriate advice.

1 REPRESENT an exporter in India. We exported some goods from Bombay to a W.L.L. company in Kuwait on D/A basis. The importer has refused to pay the outstanding bills, claiming that the company has gone bankrupt. We also received bankruptcy documents issued by the relevant authorities.

What steps can be taken to settle our debts. Does this mean that our importers are not liable to pay? Should we refer the case to the court receiver?

Please advise.

Abdul Hamid Kazzi

IF IT is a W.L.L. company, limited-shareholding concern, each partner is responsible for his capital share, and there is a limited liability on each partner. So, the only thing to do is to file a case against the company and get a judgement to get any amount fixed by the court, along with the other creditors. The amount of money you can recover depends on the total available capital, a percentage of which would be awarded to you. For example, if the claim is KD1,000, and the company has only 100, then a percentage of KD100 would be divided among the total number of claims made against the bankrupt company.

## Behaviour tests for drivers a must: study

It is recommended that each person applying for a driving licence be psychologically tested before the actual practical test, according to a study published recently in the Kuwait Medical Society's journal.

The study included a survey of 200 Kuwaiti youths applying for driving licences during the period from 1984 to 1987 whose average age was 18. Only 115 passed the test and were authorised to drive.

Analysts who followed up the traffic conduct of these drivers to find out what violations they frequently committed, over a three-year period, said traffic violations committed by psychologically normal drivers were far less than those committed by drivers who exhibited abnormal psychological behaviour, or signs of character instability.

The study was the subject of a discussion at a symposium on "What's new in Psychiatry" held recently in co-operation with the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations.

Accidents

The study revealed that 50 per cent of youth died in traffic accidents, whose ages were below 35, and that one third of their accidents was the result of driving under the influence of drugs.

According to statistics recorded in 1985, there were 21,957 traffic accidents in Kuwait in one year, which resulted in 413 deaths, 916 serious injuries and 1581 slight injuries, and that the majority of the dead were youths.

The study pointed out that the figure was very high considering the population of Kuwait, adding that similar numbers of road accidents and deaths were recorded in Saudi Arabia as the 1986

# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

AN INVASION of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come — Victor Hugo, French author.

# Bus attack backlash PLO-Egypt relations sour

CAIRO, (UPI): Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials have long joked that dealing with their Israeli foe should be more straightforward than coping with an assortment of Arab friends.

The bitter irony of the joke resurfaced recently when PLO smiles to welcome an improvement in ties with bitter foe Syria turned into frowns over a growing war of words with staunch supporter Egypt.

Mayo, the press organ of Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party, launched the anti-PLO campaign after the Feb 4 attack in Egypt on a bus carrying Israeli tourists. Mayo called on Saeed Kamal, the PLO envoy in Cairo, to pack his bags and leave.

The semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram then called on the second in command of the PLO's El Fatah commando group, Salaf Khalaf, to mind his own business. Khalaf had suggested Egypt revise its peace treaty with Israel in the wake of Soviet Jewish migration to Israel.

The PLO subsequently tried to downplay the quarrel with Egypt.

"There is no rift in Egyptian ties," said Gamal El Sourani, a Cairo-based member of the PLO's executive committee.

Egypt remains crucial to the PLO because it is representing the organisation in slow-moving Mideast peace talks with the United States and Israel. It is hoped the discussions will bring about a US plan for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

Syrian backing for the PLO would strengthen its hand in any peace negotiations. The improvement in the PLO's relationship with Syria comes almost five years after Damascus broke off ties with the organisation.

### Complicating

Though the PLO's see-sawing fortunes in the Arab world are nothing new, they are seen as complicating the peace process by making it easier for anti-Arafat radicals opposed to contacts with the Jewish state to accuse the PLO of betraying the Palestinian cause.

"The Arab intrigues behind (PLO leader Yasser) Arafat's back have always been there, but it doesn't mean they don't hurt," commented one diplomat.

The PLO's better relationship with Syria should ease any negative effects of the anti-Arafat radicals in the run-up to the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Arab analysts believe Cairo will not hinder the talks, and tend to dismiss the PLO's problems with Egypt as a lover's quarrel. But they say this underlines Arafat's continuing basic weakness: his reliance on others to promote a Palestinian cause that means different things to different people.

"Arafat knows he cannot act alone to achieve a Palestinian state," said columnist Mahmood Al Wani. "Alone he's lost."

Some suspect Arafat's problems with Egypt could be just another twist in Cairo's Mideast diplomacy.

### Dissatisfaction

"It could well be a sign of displeasure because Arafat refuses to allow Egypt to announce a list of Palestinian delegates to attend any peace talks with Israel," one Cairo-based envoy said.

The PLO's rift with Syria appears to be healing, however. Damascus broke off relations with the PLO in 1985, after accusing Arafat of instigating disturbances against Syrian leader Hafez Assad.

Assad took action against PLO after failing to bring its core under his control, and Palestinians say some 4,000 Arafat loyalists are still locked up in Syrian jails. Syria has also refused to recognise the Palestinian state declared by the Palestine National Congress two years ago.

But a meeting this month between Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara and Arafat indicated that the war between the two sides was drawing to a close.

Syria has also asked Palestinian radicals to mend fences with PLO, prompting some Damascus-based dissident groups to announce they would attend the Palestine National Council, if it is convened. The council is the parliament-in-exile of Palestinian groups.

Prominent among opponents of the PLO in Syria is Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. The group has long attacked Arafat's peace moves, including his denunciation of terrorism and recognition of the Jewish state in Geneva in November 1988, one month before the PLO began an unprecedented dialogue with the United States in the Tunisian capital of Tunis.

### Change

Several factors appear to have prompted Assad's change of mood. Egypt's improved ties with Syria's ideological foe Iraq, and its return to the Arab fold after years of isolation following its 1979 peace treaty with Israel, helped lead Syria to restore ties with Egypt last December.

Arab observers believe that dwindling economic and military aid from the Soviet Union has also played a role. The Soviets have indicated they can no longer finance Syria's avowed goal of strategic parity with Israel. In addition, moderate Arab nations such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt have agreed to support Syria's expensive troop deployment in Lebanon, provided Assad improves ties with the PLO.

But Palestinians suffer no illusions about the future.

"Fighting among Arab brothers has shed as much Palestinian blood as fighting the Zionist enemy," admitted one PLO aide. "We have no illusions and so we cannot be disappointed. The road to statehood is covered in blood, but we will go on."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1531 — Earthquake in Portugal kills tens of thousands of people and flattens much of Lisbon and other cities.

1623 — Dutch massacre English colonists at Amboyna, Indonesia.

1815 — Napoleon Bonaparte escapes from island of Elba.

1837 — Polish constitution is abolished by Russia's Tsar Nicholas I.

1871 — Preliminary peace of Versailles is signed between France and Germany.

1909 — Turkey recognises Austria's annexation of Bosnia.

1918 — German planes bomb Venice, Italy, during World War I.

1934 — Military coup in Japan replaces Koki Hirota as premier.

1952 — Winston Churchill announces that Britain has produced its own atomic bomb.

1962 — Saigon Palace of south Vietnam's president Ngo Dinh Diem is bombed by two fighter-bombers flown by two dissident pilots of South Vietnam's Air Force.

1968 — Israel's foreign minister Abba Eban announces that Israel has agreed to what he calls "a form of negotiation" with Arabs.

1974 — Ethiopian army units seize Asmara, second largest city in Ethiopia, and demand better pay and living conditions.

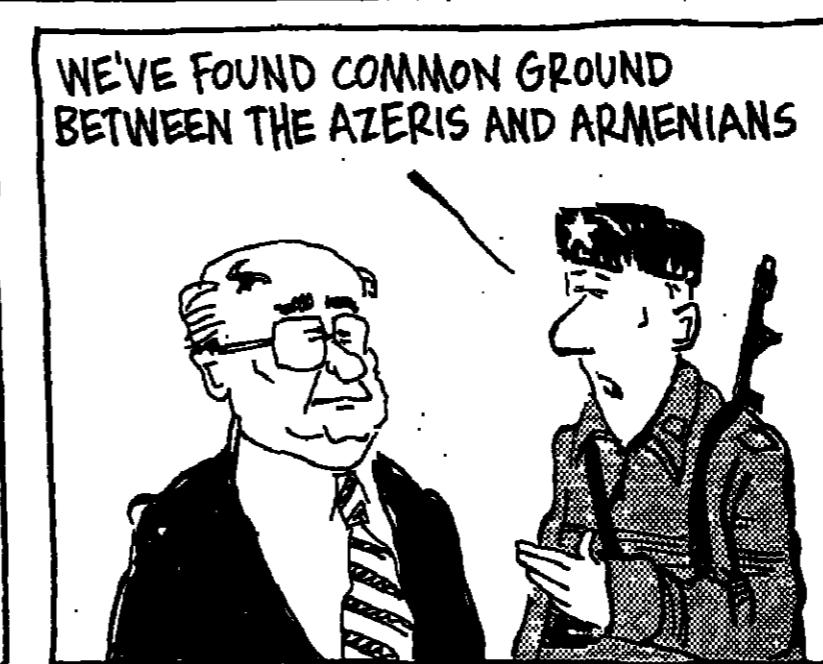
1977 — Uganda's president Idi Amin says his country is ready to meet any threat from US naval task force standing off East African coast.

1986 — New Philippines President Corazon Aquino asks supporters of deposed leader Ferdinand E Marcos for their cooperation in task of rebuilding country.

1987 — Afghan aircraft bomb two Pakistani border villages, killing at least 35 people and injuring more than 200 others.

1988 — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev makes unprecedented appeal for calm in protest-plagued Soviet republic of Armenia.

1989 — Ayatollah Khomeini meets with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze for talks centring on Islam.



## Racial segregation days numbered

# Last vestiges to be uprooted

## Apartheid at a glance

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (AP):** "Miracles are happening," said Olga Lutu, who runs a school in a black shantytown. "Freedom is a real possibility."

She was looking into the future. So, in his way, was T. J. Ferreira, a 39-year-old white service station owner.

"I played sports with blacks and that didn't bother me," he said. "I didn't mind lunching with blacks. We just don't want to be governed by them."

Apartheid, while not dead, is showing symptoms of terminal illness. The question before South Africa now seems to be whether it will die a peaceful or painful death.

Growing numbers of South Africans across the political spectrum — from black activists to right-wing whites — believe the last of the major apartheid laws imposed in 1984 may be scrapped or rendered ineffective within a year or two, possibly within months.

However sweeping the legal changes, apartheid will leave a legacy of mistrust, prejudice and economic inequality that may take decades to overcome. But long-term worries are now coupled with a surge of optimism among blacks following President F. W. de Klerk's decision to free African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and lift a 30-year ban on the ANC.

"Everybody came out of their houses when we heard the news, and we were singing in the streets," said Mrs. Lutu, a robust energetic mother of four whose school is in a shantytown called Orange Farms.

She believes statutory apartheid will be gone within a few years.

"The people are liberating themselves," she said. "Nothing ever happens if people are quiet."

Apartheid has been crumbling slowly but steadily for more than a decade. So-called "petty apartheid" — segregation of theatres, beaches and buses, among other things — has ended in most areas, and rural blacks no longer face legal barriers if they want to move to a city.

De Klerk has speeded up the pace of reform during his seven months in office, asserting that discrimination is wrong and proposing negotiations aimed at extending political rights to blacks. Black militants are pressing for abolition of the last crucial group of laws known as the "pillars of apartheid."

These include the Group Areas Act, which mandates segregation of residential areas; the Land Act, which prevents blacks from owning land in more than 80 percent of South Africa; and the Population Registration Act, which requires all South Africans to be officially classified by race.

These laws have enabled the government to exclude blacks from national elections and persist with the last major categories of segregation — residential areas, state-run schools and public hospitals.

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (AP):** A look at what has changed in apartheid and what remains in force:

— What's changed:

— Blacks allowed to form their own trade unions.

— Laws outlawing inter-racial marriage and sexual relations repealed.

— The Pass Laws, which required blacks in "white" areas to have a permit, repealed.

— Influx Control Laws, which restricted blacks' freedom to move into urban areas, abolished.

— Beaches, theatres, hotels, restaurants and most forms of public transport desegregated.

— Laws reserving for whites certain types of supervisory and technical jobs at times repealed.

— Blacks given a policy-making role in individual administration.

— Central business districts in major cities and towns opened to black traders.

— Blacks, who previously could only rent, now own homes.

— What remains:

— Black majority has no vote in national affairs. Blacks vote only in tribal homelands and local elections.

— Group Areas Act of 1950 mandates racial segregation of residential areas.

— Black Land Act of 1913 prevents blacks from owning property in the vast majority of the country.

— Population Registration Act of 1950 requires that all South Africans be registered by government by race. Without this act, other apartheid laws would be difficult to enforce.

— experiences, knowledge and abilities to the country and its people. This will, however, only take place if they are accepted as part of the country," said Jamie de Wet, a leader of the largest white political party.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nouri ends visit

## Europe urged to drop tariffs

KUWAIT, Feb 25. (Kuna): Chairman and managing director of the Kuwait Petrochemical Industries Company Abdullaq Al Nouri returned home today after heading a joint meeting for European and Gulf industrialists.

The meeting, part of a conference held in Granada in the period 18-22 of the month, was designed to listen to varying viewpoints on the issue of petrochemical products exchange between the Gulf Co-operation Council and the European Economic Community.

In a speech delivered at the meeting, Al Nouri urged European governments to drop all tariffs imposed on Gulf products to create a fairer competition between GCC and EEC products.

Calling for designing a new agreement on commercial exchange, he said "the political developments in Europe and the developments aiming at the establishment of a single European market in 1992 highlight the necessity of reaching a commercial agreement between the two groups."

Headed "such an agreement should be comprehensive" and should open the doors before Gulf petrochemical products "allowing a free access to European markets" with no limitations on quantities and no imposition of any fees."

A series of meetings and conferences have been held by petrochemical producers in the GCC and the EEC after signing the economic agreement of 1988 to try to reach an acceptable formula which would realise justice in terms of the flow of materials and products in both directions.

On this basis a meeting of Gulf petrochemical producers was held in summer 1989 in Bahrain, where the basis of the dialogue were defined. A committee was formed to examine various viewpoints on the exchange of petrochemical products.

Another meeting was held during the month of October last year in Brussels, where the Gulf side was represented by the ambassador at the Saudi Foreign Ministry Ma Moun Kurdi. The meeting agreed to hold a broader meeting at the end of January this year with wider participation from both sides.

## Job cuts unveiled

NEW YORK, Feb 25. (Opecna): The Chevron Corporation announced yesterday that it would trim up to 1,000 jobs this year, or 12 per cent of the payroll of its domestic exploration and production unit.

The Dallas-based company revealed that it would also sell \$700 million worth of domestic properties in the next two years. The changes would result in charges of \$25 to \$30 million against first-quarter earnings.

However, the fourth largest oil company in the United States said it would still continue to expand its search for oil and natural gas deposits overseas.

Experts have criticised Chevron chairman Kenneth Derr, who replaced George Keller a year ago, for moving too slowly in trimming excess operations that were inherited from the company's acquisition of the Gulf Oil Corporation six years ago.

Following the announcement, which was made in the last hour of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Chevron's shares climbed 62.5 cents, but that was not enough to recover earlier losses and the shares ended the day down 50 cents at \$69.37.

In December, the Pennzoil Company disclosed that it held eight per cent of Chevron's common shares. Chevron immediately took legal action, which has not been resolved, to block further purchases by Pennzoil.

## Oil earnings up

MEXICO CITY, Feb 25. (AP): Mexico earned \$7.28 billion from crude oil exports in 1989, a 24.3 per cent increase from 1988, the state-owned oil monopoly Pemex said.

Exports averaged 1.28 million barrels a day in 1989, off slightly from the 1.3 million barrels a day in 1988, a communiqué from Petroleos Mexicanos, S.A. said Thursday.

The income was up from the \$5.85 billion in 1988, but still far below the \$13.3 billion in 1985, the year before the sharp fall in world oil prices.

Of the 1989 exports, 344,100 barrels a day were of the light Isthmus crude, 786,100 of heavy Maya crude, and 147,500 of the extra light Olmec.

## Overall level of confidence boosted

THE upturn of economic activities in the Gulf continued last year and the outlook for 1990 is more promising than any time since the beginning of the recession in 1983. Signs of renewed economic growth are now quite evident. Rising oil revenues, higher exports of petrochemicals, aluminium and other industrial products, firming up of rents and real estate prices, strong performance of the region's stock markets, resurgence in deposits and demand for commercial bank credit, a noticeable improvement in commerce and retail sales activities and greater interest on the part of private business seeking

domestic investment opportunities are all indicators of favourable economic conditions prevailing in the region, according to GIB monthly report.

Henry T. Azzam, the chief economist of GIB said the overall level of confidence was further boosted by the improvement in the geo-political atmosphere regionally, and world-wide. The end of the cold war between the two superpowers, developments in Eastern Europe and the build-up of the peace process in the region are bound to reflect positively, one way or another, on the Gulf countries.

The recovery of the world oil

market is expected to continue. Strong economic growth prospects in Europe and Japan will more than offset the anticipated slight slowdown of the US economy this year and help sustain the rise in world demand for oil.

The end of the cold war could mean millions of dollars of savings in defence expenditure that would be channelled towards productive investment in both the East and the West. The economic liberalisation of Eastern Europe and prospects of Western capital inflow to the region could generate an added impetus to world economic growth.

The rapid developments there

are bound to create a fundamental change in levels and styles of consumption and industrial production which will inevitably lead to higher demand for energy. This together with the decline in Soviet oil production will increase the Gulf region's share of the world oil market.

Furthermore, East Europe is potentially a sizeable market for non-oil Gulf exports (aluminium, petrochemicals, light manufacturing etc.), especially because the Gulf countries can finance to future trade flows. Last year, the major Gulf oil producers boosted their average daily oil production to levels not seen since 1981 while oil prices

rose by more than 20 per cent.

A general adherence to production quota levels agreed upon in the fast Opec meeting of November 1989 and the upward trend in the world demand for Opec oil could see additional firms in average oil prices this year.

Adding to future growth prospects in the region are huge investments planned in the oil, petrochemicals, aluminium, natural gas and various other industrial outlets. Saudi Arabia, UAE and Kuwait are pressing ahead with plans to raise their oil production capacity to meet a projected surge in world demand in the 1990s.

The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic) is expected to spend around \$6 billion to expand its production plants and enhance its product range in the next few years. Kuwait is also moving ahead with plans for eight petrochemical factories in the south of the country.

In Qatar, the development of the North Field gas scheme will make further headway this year, while Bahrain is going ahead with a number of projects to expand its country's industrial infrastructure.

Four important developments will stand out this year: (a) the return of confidence to the Gulf markets will translate into

expansionary business and investment plans, relaxed consumer spending patterns, reduced need for cost cutting and an upturn in employment opportunities; (b) firmer oil revenues will make it possible for the governments to implement their targeted expansionary budgets for 1990 thus giving added boost to domestic economic growth; (c) capital market activities will pick up with stronger secondary bond markets and intensified privatisation efforts as more national and regional institutions choose to increase their capital base through share flotation.

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GCC oil earnings set to edge up further

## Higher crude prices boost Gulf economies

BAHRAIN, Feb 25. (Reuters): Higher oil prices boosted the oil revenues of six Gulf Arab states by 30 per cent to \$45.8 billion in 1989, a senior Gulf economist said in a report published today.

"Gulf International Bank Economist Henry Azzam said total oil earnings for the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states were set to edge up a further 2.1 per cent to \$46.7 billion in 1990, providing prices remained firm."

The GCC groups Opec members Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with non-Opec Bahrain and Oman. All six are trying to reduce dependence on oil, which accounts for more than 50 per cent of their GDP.

Azzam said GCC economies would continue to benefit from higher oil prices in 1990 but would grow more slowly than in 1989, when the average price of

Opec's basket of crudes leaped to \$17.3 a barrel from \$14.28 in 1988.

Prices would remain above \$18 in 1990 as long as Opec members adhered more strictly to quotas when demand slackened in the second half of the year, he said.

A more diversified economic structure and sounder Gulf business practices would also boost GCC development.

The Gulf countries emerged from the (1983) recession in much better shape than most analysts had thought — equally important, the region today is quite different from the one that experienced the boom years," he said.

Azzam said several economic trends would stand out in 1990.

Business investment and consumer spending would continue to increase, higher oil prices would enable governments to

implement expansionary budgets and capital market and privatisation.

He predicted Saudi Arabia's nominal GDP growth rate would slow to 2.5 per cent in 1990 from an estimated 3.5 per cent in 1989 while Kuwait's would drop to two per cent from four.

The UAE's GDP growth rate was projected to fall to four per cent from nine in 1989 while Oman's would decline to five per cent from eight, he said.

GDP growth for Bahrain and Qatar would both rise to three per cent in 1989 from 2.5 per cent in 1988 on the start-up of major industrial projects, Azzam said.

Meanwhile the Gulf International Bank (GIB), the second-biggest offshore bank in Bahrain, said on Thursday it recorded a loss of \$692.5 million in 1989 after setting aside money for shaky Third World debts.

GIB general manager Ghazi

Abdul-Jawad told Reuters the bank had added \$25 million to provisions for troubled LDC (less developed country) debt in a bid to rid itself of the problem completely.

"The provisions we have taken are bold and in excess of regulatory requirements," he said.

"This is our assessment ... we wanted to get this problem behind us completely so that the management and staff can concentrate their energies positively towards building the bank's income streams," he said.

Abdul-Jawad declined to give an exact figure but said the special provisions — which are in addition to GIB's normal non-disclosed provisioning policy — would boost the bank's cover to the "top tier" of international levels.

These now range between 25 and 70 per cent, he said.

Crude prices nose dive

NEW YORK, Feb 25. (UPI): US crude oil prices nosedived Friday after it became evident there was more than enough crude available in the final day of scheduling March pipeline deliveries from the US Gulf Coast cash market.

For the past several months traders have been carrying more barrels than they needed to take advantage of rising demand as the final day approaches for scheduling month-ahead deliveries to the Cushing, Oklahoma, Midwest terminal.

"This month, it didn't turn out that way. There is too much March crude on the spot market," said Michael McDermott of Paine Webber Inc. in New York, with the result of some traders "giving back" the profits they had made in previous months.

Demand this month has been slackening as refiners begin preparations for the annual March maintenance shutdowns to "turnaround" their facilities for the maximum production of gasoline over heating oil.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for March delivery was being bid at \$21.10 a barrel, down 15 cents on the day and \$1.30 on the week.

WTI fell 42 cents on the New

York Mercantile Exchange to \$21.42 a barrel, which was 83 cents less than last Friday.

Three companies — Sun Co., Radnor, the Conoco Inc. subsidiary of Du Pont in Houston and the Marathon Oil Co. unit of USX Corp. in Findlay, Ohio — dropped by 75 cents the posted price they will pay for crude at the wellhead to \$21.50 a barrel for WTI.

Unleaded gasoline for March delivery fell 0.40 cent on the Merc to \$5.85 cents a gallon, a scant 0.14 cent less than last week.

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Oil economy seems to be coming back

### Texas finds its feet again

DILLEY, Texas, Feb 25. (AP): Trucks rumble down dirt trails to service the wells that have sprouted in this dusty, cactus-filled backwood. One eatery has installed tabletop telephones to accommodate the dealmakers crammed the local hotels.

Spurred by new technology and higher prices, this part of oil country is growing at a pace not seen since the glut of the 1980s.

But some here remain cautious, humbled by short-lived booms in the past.

"You don't see all the new pickups running up and down the road that you did" during past upswings, said Inez Asher, a former mayor of Dilley. The town of 2,500 is at the centre of the Pearsall field activity, about 80 miles (130 kilometres) southwest of San Antonio.

But land lease prices rose from \$50 an acre last year to as much as \$450. The county courthouse in Pearsall stays open late at night to accommodate landmen searching records.

Rooms are at a premium at the Porterhouse Inn in Pearsall, one of the few hotels in the area.

Rental housing has been swallowed up by new workers. Oil rig workers earn about \$9 an hour, nearly triple what local farm hands make.

Phones were installed at the tables at Pappa's, a truckstop and bus station along Interstate 35 where dealmakers dine.

Sales tax collections have doubled; bank deposits are up 20 per cent.

So is traffic. "We're really beginning to need a red light," Ms Asher said.

Booms have been seen before in the Austin Chalk, the geological formation that includes the Pearsall field. But the area earned the nickname "Heart-

break field" because one well would produce and another nearby would come up dry. The oil there is found in vertical fractures that left little room for mistake.

The recent record flows have come from wells tapped late last year using horizontal drilling techniques that maximise chances of a find. Horizontal wells, which make a 90-degree turn more than a mile (1.6 kilometres) underground, can link several vertical formations, increasing chances for success.

Oryx Energy Co. of Dallas pioneered the horizontal process in the region. Since Oryx revealed its success with horizontal drilling in August, companies have flocked to the field, even though Oryx had acquired leases on much of the prime drilling area before showing its hand, said Jim Roberts, Oryx vice-president of production. The company plans to keep seven rigs busy drilling 85 wells this year.

Although rivals are drilling scores of wells, nobody has matched Oryx's perfect record at finding oil with horizontal wells.

Horizontal wells are credited for the Austin Chalk recovery, but the rebound elsewhere in Texas is linked to oil prices that have remained relatively steady at more than \$20 a barrel for months, which is considered a sign of strength in the energy market.

The oil industry has been hoping for a return to stability since prices weakened by the increased production of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries collapsed to about \$10 a barrel in 1986.

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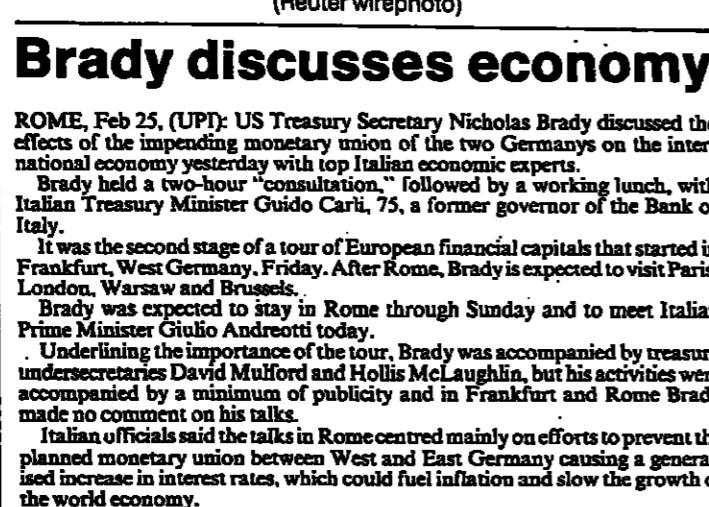
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Alleged insurance swindle

## Eastern strike produces no winners

MIAMI, Feb 25, (UPI): After a grueling year of economic warfare, airline boss Frank Lorenzo and his union foes at Eastern Airlines can agree on one point: the bitter, year-long Eastern strike has produced no winners.

"Nobody wins in a strike," said Frank Orvis, a local machinist official in Miami. "We have had terrible casualties."

The long-running battle between Eastern management and the company's unions also has failed to produce an ending. A year after the strike began, the fate of Eastern and more than 20,000 workers remains uncertain.

"It is a battle no one has won," Lorenzo told a group of businessmen during a rare south Florida appearance in January.

The International Association of Machinists struck Eastern on March 4, 1989, after negotiations failed to break a 17-month-old contract dispute.

Pilots and flight attendants, angry over Lorenzo's hard-ball management tactics, stayed off the job in droves, in a show of solidarity that knocked the wind out of the nation's seventh-largest airline.

Thousands of passengers were stranded as Eastern tried to bully its pilots back into the cockpit. When a federal judge refused to order the pilots back to work, Eastern filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

A year later, IAM members continue to walk the picket line, although some hold little hope for Eastern's survival.

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The company's unsecured creditors said the agreement would provide a solid foundation for a successful and prompt reorganization.

## Petra Bank strike ends

AMMAN, Jordan, Feb 25, (AP): A three-day strike by employees of the troubled Petra Bank ended today after a government-mediated pay settlement was announced.

An bank staff returned to work Monday. Shakhsheer, secretary-general of the Banking and Insurance Employees' Association, said the settlement gave the workers increases ranging from 1-19 per cent.

They had sought raises of at least 20 per cent and demanded management reforms. The bank's government-appointed management had offered raises of 1-15 per cent.

Shakhsheer said management had also agreed to establish a salary scale which will be negotiated with the association.

"We're all happy with the results," he said.

Most of the bank's 600 employees struck last Wednesday, expressing unhappiness with the new management and complaining they had not received any pay raises in five years, despite soaring inflation.

The government's economic security committee took over the bank last August when liquidity problems left Petra unable to meet Central Bank reserve requirements.

Bank founder Ahmed Chalaby left the country and Finance Ministry officials have since accused him of mismanagement, questionable loan practices and currency speculation. He has denied the charges.

## US is not 'out of recessionary woods'

NEW YORK, Feb 25, (UPI): Consumer prices this week recorded their biggest increase in nearly eight years but there was no indication the government would tighten credit as the surge in food and energy prices seemed temporary.

Although Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan said indicators suggested that the US economy might have passed its weakest point, there were lingering signs of weakness shown by job reduction at major companies, including Chevron Corp and Digital Equipment Corp.

Exxon Corp., in a surprise move, also wrote off an additional \$300 million against its 1989 earnings as the giant oil company seemed close to reaching an agreement with the Justice Department to avoid criminal prosecution for damage resulting from the Alaska oil spill.

Exxon lowered its 1989 earnings from the previously reported \$3.8 billion to \$3.5 billion.

The added charge brought the company's total 1989 spill write-off to \$1.68 billion, which when added to the amount claimed as a tax deduction brought the projected amount to be spent by the company to \$2.5 billion.

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Adding at least another \$400 million covered by insurance, the cleanup cost currently totals an estimated \$3 billion.

The Labour Department reported Wednesday that food and energy costs pushed consumer prices up a staggering 1.1 per cent in January, the biggest increase in nearly eight years.

Analysts had expected the hike in food and energy prices because of the cold wave that gripped most of the nation in late December.

"Increases in food and energy prices accounted for over 60 per cent of the January advance," the department's Bureau of Labour Statistics said.

"In particular, record monthly increases were recorded in the indexes for fuel oil and fruits — up 26.3 per cent and 10.2 per cent, respectively — and gasoline prices rose 7.7 per cent," the bureau said.

The report was released less than 24 hours after Greenspan told Congress to look for a 1990 inflation rate as low as 4 per cent.

In his semiannual report to Congress, Greenspan warned that the nation is not "out of the recessionary woods." He also cautioned that corporate earnings were failing and expressed reservation over excess industry

trial and household debt.

"However, available indicators of near-term economic performance suggest that the weakest point may have passed," Greenspan told a House Subcommittee on domestic monetary policy.

"Such evidence warrants at least guarded optimism."

Greenspan said housing starts appear to be on the rebound, the ailing automotive industry has gotten its house in order, and "industrial activity outside of motor vehicles appears to be holding up."

From these and similar data, one can infer the beginnings of a modest firming in economic activity," he said.

But also Tuesday, Chevron announced in San Francisco that it will eliminate 800 to 1,000 jobs this year in a major restructuring of its domestic exploration and production business.

The cuts amount to between 10 per cent and 12 per cent of Chevron's total domestic oil and natural gas production and exploration workforce.

Some workers will be offered jobs in other parts of the company, but about half are expected to be laid off, a spokesman said.

A day later, the nation's No. 2 computer manufacturer, Digital

Equipment, said layoffs and other staff-cutting measures were under "active" consideration and that it may report its first quarterly loss ever.

Digital blamed slowdowns in the economies of Canada, Britain and Australia along with continued poor results in the United States for the expected downturn. Digital's third quarter ended March 31.

Jay P. Stevens, a stock analyst who follows digital for Dean Witter Reynolds, shrugged off the news.

Stevens said, "Digital is the only remaining computer company that hasn't done something like that. Maybe it's inevitable that they do."

On the communications front, NBC said in New York Wednesday it was launching a \$1 billion joint venture with two other media companies and Hughes Communications Inc. That would use napkin-size dish antennas to bring direct broadcasting satellite service to US homes by late 1993.

The network said it was joining with Cablevision Systems Corp., News Corp., Ltd., and Hughes Communications Inc. to launch Sky Cable, that will allow millions of Americans viewers to receive an extra 108 new chan-

nels.

In Atlanta, Georgia-Pacific Corp. said it had agreed to acquire Great Northern Nekoosa Corp., ending a four-month battle between the two forest products giants over a \$4 billion merger.

Under the agreement, which was approved by the directors of both companies for approval by shareholders, Georgia-Pacific will increase its price from \$63 to \$65.75 a share for Great Northern's stock.

The offer was conditioned on a number of common shares being validly tendered to give Georgia-Pacific a majority of the common shares of Great Northern on the date of purchase. Georgia-Pacific now owns 349,000 shares of Great Northern stock.

The agreement ended a hostile takeover battle that began in October when Georgia-Pacific first made its \$63-a-share offer for Great Northern, which is headquartered in Norwalk, Conn.

Bankrupt Eastern Airlines and its unsecured creditors in New York Thursday said they had agreed on a reorganization plan that the airline said will give it a fresh start.

The agreement provides for participation by the carrier's



Alan Greenspan

parent Texas Air Corp. that will enable Eastern to emerge from bankruptcy protection in several months.

The unsecured creditors had been seeking assurance that Continental or Texas Air would back any recapitalisation, rather than

the weaker Eastern. "Texas Air Corp. and Continental ... as a result of today's agreement would, in effect, assist in the recapitalisation of Eastern and provide a fresh start for the airline," Eastern said in a statement.

**Lack of reform IMF to snub Sudan**

KHARTOUM, Feb 25, (Reuters): Foreign economists said today that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) might suspend Sudan's membership this week for ignoring an ultimatum on economic reform.

"Such a move could affect aid programmes by the World Bank and the African Development Bank, which help shore up the debt-ridden and war-torn economy," the economists said.

They said a decision either to suspend Sudan's membership or declare it an "unco-operative country" was likely at a meeting of the fund's executive board in Washington this week.

Sudan has ignored a three-month ultimatum issued by the IMF in November for the introduction of structural economic reforms, the economists said.

These included unifying a two-tier foreign exchange system, lifting state subsidies on basic consumer items and privatising loss-making state enterprises.

An attachment to a Western embassy in Khartoum said an IMF move to suspend Sudan would have considerable psychological significance.

The IMF declared Sudan ineligible for new credits in February 1986 after it fell behind in paying its debts. It is now \$1.5 billion in arrears to the fund.

Traditional backers such as Britain, West Germany, France and the Netherlands have drastically cut aid to Sudan in the past few years and the United States has suspended all aid except for humanitarian purposes.

Japan and Italy however have continued significant aid programmes, the economists said. A new agreement with the IMF could have led to a new influx of foreign aid.

A national conference on the economy organised by the government last week recommended reforms similar to those prescribed by the IMF.

But the military junta led by General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, which took power in a coup in June, has done little to comply.

Sudan's economy, shattered by a seven-year-old civil war, is saddled with more than \$13 billion of foreign debt it cannot repay and annual inflation of more than 100 per cent.

Industry is running at a tiny fraction of capacity and war, famine and disease last year killed 250,000 people.

This year there has been an upsurge in clashes with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army, fighting what it sees as domination of the mainly animist or Christian south by the Muslim, Arabized north.

"Only a handful of factories are at present operating," said a foreigner representing a multinational company in Khartoum.

The government had supplied only a tenth of an estimated \$350 million needed in the fiscal year ending June 30 to import raw materials for businesses, he said.

## Laos signs US oil deal

BANGKOK, Feb 25, (UPI): Laos has signed an oil exploration agreement with the Hunt Oil Co. of Texas, apparently the first US company to win petroleum exploration rights in communist Indochina, the official Lao News Agency reported today.

The Khao San Pathet Lao agency said the Lao Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts and the Lao Hunt Oil Co., a branch of the Dallas-based Hunt Oil Co., signed the agreement in Vientiane on Friday.

It said the company was given 10,150 square miles (26,290 m<sup>2</sup>) of exploration area near Paksong in southern Laos.

"The agreement specifies the two-year period of initial survey, possibly being extended by four terms of two years each," the news agency said.

"It said the Hunt Company would conduct a geological survey for the first two years but did not mention how much money the company would invest in the project."

The contract is believed to be the first to allow a US company to explore for petroleum in Laos, most of which has never been surveyed for oil.

## Tehran to invest \$32b in industry

Income from gas expected to reach \$282.9m this year

KERMAN, Iran, Feb 25, (OPEC): Some \$32 billion will be invested in the industrial and mining sector during the first five-year plan, according to Hamid Mirzadeh, Iran's Vice-President for Executive Affairs.

Mirzadeh is here to inspect economic and social projects in this southern province.

He said Kerman could play an important role both in industrial production and export of non-oil goods, as around 40 per cent of the country's non-oil exports emanate from this province.

Mirzadeh said it was expected that Iran would earn \$18 billion from the export of non-oil goods during the five-year plan.

Last week, the Iranian economic commission decided that 10 per cent of the earnings from non-oil exports would be returned to the province which had produced the goods or commodities exported, a step which would bring in considerable revenues to Kerman as it tops the list among producers of non-oil commodities in the country.

The new Iranian budget (1990-91) projects revenues from oil and gas at \$15.47 billion, up by 11 per cent over forecasts made earlier.

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## Turkey to boost shipbuilding industry

labour costs," he told Reuters.

The average shipyard worker in Turkey earns about \$12 a day, a fraction of the salary earned by his average northern European counterpart.

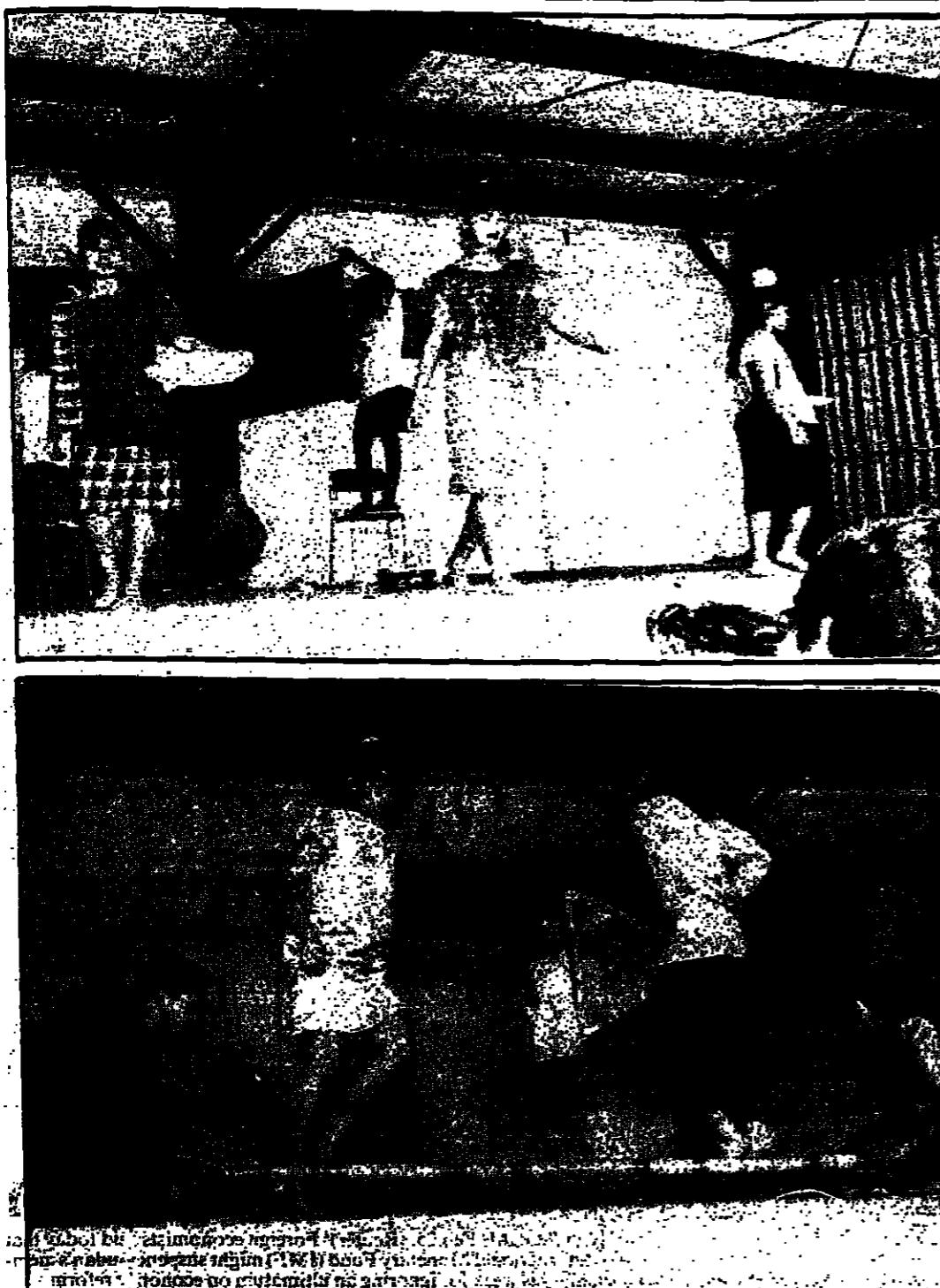
The Pendik yard is undergoing a major expansion. At the end of 1991 a new dry dock, allowing construction of ships of up to 170,000 dwt compared with a maximum of around 60,000 dwt now, is likely to become operational.

Atik did not give the cost of the vessels being built for Poland, the first of which will be delivered in June, but said the market price was \$22 million each.

On ship exports, he said Turkey was in contact with Norway and the Soviet Union as a temporary market.

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## EVENTS



## Philippines at the ASK

Representing the "Philippines" during the International Week Celebrations at the American School of Kuwait, top left: Mitchie Tantoco, Michelle Paras, Madylene Paras (Winnowing Dancers), bottom: Sylvia Suaverdez and Ricky Sandoval (Tinikling Dancers).

## ARTS

**Hobby Centre** AN invitation is extended to all Canadian women to attend this meet which will be held on Saturday March 3 from 4 to 6 pm in Qurtubah. For more information contact 2563025 or 2563867.

**Goan Welfare Society** MARCH 2 - Friday Goan Welfare Society meeting will be held at Ramada Salam Hotel on 2nd March at 10 am followed by a reception at 12 noon for the Goan football team who won the exhibition match recently in Kuwait Goa vs Kerala.

**Seminar** THE seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Art in The Light of Zodiocal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11 - March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

**SOCIAL**

**Milad mahfil** A Milad mahfil has been organised by the Bandhan Natya Chakra on Feb 28, at 6.30 pm at the Bangladesh Embassy (Khaldya), to pay tribute to the martyrs of the Language Movement.

The Ambassador of Bangladesh K.M. Shehabuddin will be the chief guest. All Bangladeshis are cordially invited.

**Children's variety show** RANGDHANU, a children's variety show which includes a play, will be staged on March 1, Thursday at the Theatre Hall of Kuwait University Law Faculty, Shuaikh campus, at 6.30 pm. For cards contact 4840759, 4312730, 4312280, 4733106 or 3729425.

**II Annual one act Play Competition**

INDIAN Arts Circle announces the II Annual One Play Competition to be held in May 1990. The competition is open to Plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play, (1st, 2nd & 3rd), Best Director, Best Actor & Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaiya. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

Please contact IAC office (Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join.

**Kuwait Welsh Society** ST. DAVID'S Day buffet dinner Thursday, 1st March 1990 at Messilah Beach Hotel. For more information ring 3713467, 3912384, 5625316.

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INDIAN artist Shamima Farid is showing a collection of her latest works at the Sultan Gallery, near Rolls Royce showroom. A wide selection of subjects are featured in the paintings of the artist, who has exhibited widely in Kuwait and overseas. However, this is Shamima's first solo-exhibition in Kuwait. Open daily from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 8 pm.

**Act** ACT's production of the Skin of Our Teeth at UAS, Salwa, 8 pm, Feb 27, 28 and March 1. Directed by George Plautz. For reservations please call 5725071, 5317354.

**Ladies International League**

LIL newcomers: A coffee morning will be held on Feb 26 at the Sheraton Hotel from 10 am to 12 noon. Newcomers to LIL and Kuwait will be most welcome. For further information please call Ann on 5316905.

**Bite 'n' Pieces**

An interesting 8 week course in patchwork and quilting techniques. For details contact Tel. 5634663.

**APPROB essay competition**

ASSOCIATION of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (APPROB) has extended the last date of its essay competition from 15th March to 15th April. The essay competition on the topic "My role in building a better Pakistan" is being held on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Pakistan Resolution.

Pakistani students in the age group of between 12-14 (juniors) and 15-18 (seniors) are invited to write their essays in Urdu or English, which should be between 1,000 to 1,500 words.

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## Spring Bazaar for Khalifa School

YOU are invited to an exquisitely displayed shambas, and gift items on Thursday March 1, 1990 at Kuwait International Hotel's Old Failaka Room from 10 am to 7 pm. Of the products on display are Latin American rugs, silver, souvenirs, brassware, decoupage, ceramics and other works of art. All donations for the Khalifa School will go to the handicapped.

**Martyrs' Day** Shatadal Cultural Group

FEB 27: Shatadal Cultural Group will be holding their Martyrs' Day at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Al Anam Hall at 6:30 pm on February 27. The programme includes a seminar, poems recitation and songs.

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## BBC world service highlights

## Global Concerns

Last year World Service broadcast Global Concerns, a short series of programmes which examined environmental issues world-wide. So successful was the series that it is returning as a regular weekly programme that will run all year around. Noreen Alexander will be drawing together all the elements of environmental matters which until now have been reported in a variety of programmes. Global concerns will not be looking only at headline-grabbing stories such as the Greenhouse Effect but all the ways in which human activity is changing the natural world, and the ways in which we can alter the situation. Friday, March 2, at 14.15

## Other-wise

Increasing numbers of people in the West are forsaking drugs, doctors and hospitals for "alternative" medicine such as acupuncture and reflexology. In a new series of four programmes Robert Eagle assesses some of these therapies beginning with homeopathy and herbalism.

Friday, March 2 at 10.30 and 15.15.

## CINEMA

Al Andalus	Arabic film
Al Salimiya	Hall Booked
Al Haura	Batman
Drive-in	Arabic film
Al Firdous	Agnee Path
Fahaseel Open	Fahaseel
Fahaseel	Arabic film
Al Jabra	Nowhere to Hide
Granada	Too hot to Trot
Salabikhah	License to Kill
Jeeb	Accident Swagatham
Ahmadi Drive-in	Arabic film

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.58 am
Zohr	12.01 pm
Asr	3.18
Maghreb	5.45
Isha	6.02

## ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb 28, 1990)

**The Holy Family Cathedral:** Day of fast and abstinence: Holy mass - English 6.45 am; Holy mass - English 7.30 am; Holy mass - English 4.30 pm; Holy mass - English 5.30 pm; Holy mass - English 6.30 pm; Holy mass - English 8.30 pm

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A NEW 8 week course in Jewellery and Design making — For more details call: Telephone: 5618847 or 5317354.

## SPORTS

## Kuwait International Hotel

**FIT FOR LIFE:** Qualified Austrian masseur specialising in foot reflexology, acupressure, athletic and relaxation massage available everyday. Tennis clinics on-going for all levels of play including Junior, Ladies' and Adult sessions with Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis professional. Classes total 4 weeks in length and meet twice each week. Private coaching also available and fun tennis sessions for the family. Ladies' Keep Fit Classes on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ladies' Sauna now offers a 50 per cent discount on the usual entrance fee. Ladies' Day on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. For details please call: 2530000/8050 (Recreation).

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## Outstanding performance

Indian Ambassador to Kuwait A.K. Budhiraja giving away the prize to Arshad Zaya of New Indian School, Jahriya, for his outstanding performance on the Annual Prize day last week.

## Six of the best: the hit man

Dulcie Gray, Michael Denison and Philip Sully star in this comedy by J.C.W. Brook. It is the story of George who is feeling bored and in need of a change after 45 years of marriage. Before he can do anything he must dispose of his wife and to do this he has enlisted the help of Mr Romero, a Sicilian hit man.

Thursday, March 1 at 14.30 and 20.15 and Friday, March 2 at 5.30.

## Composer Cameos

The 18th century French composer Jean-Marie Leclair was stabbed to death, probably by a jealous nephew. In the first of a series of six profiles of lesser-known composers Stephen Dodgson looks at the life and work of Leclair who is probably best remembered for his violin sonatas and his opera Scylla and Glaucus.

Tuesday, February 27 at 12.45 and 17.45.

Recommended frequencies are: 17.64MHz; 17.01m, 15.07MHz/19.91m, 11.76MHz/25.51m.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMME

## KTV 1

**MORNING**  
9.30 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Kheir news  
9.50 Cartoon Serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)

10.30 Shuaa Min Al Madhi: Arabic Serial (part 11)

11.45 From My Kitchen: local serial (part 9), starring Abdul Husain

Abdul Redha, Mohammed Jaber and Abdulla Kharabit

12.30 News summary

12.35 Holy Quran and closedown

## EVENING

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran

4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)

4.45 Saham Al Fadha: Cartoon serial

5.15 Mama Anisa and Children: local children programme, prepared by and presented by Samiya Mohammed Mama Anisa

5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements

6.00 Wa Qala Hakeem: historical serial

7.00 Varieties

7.15 Holy Quran and science: Religious programme prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi

8.00 Cultural programme

8.30 Good Evening and local news

9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Omriyat Al Ethneen: local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjas

10.15 Illa Al Shabab Maa Al Taibya: New Gulf serial (part 2). Starring: Saad Al Faraj, Saad Abdullah, Hind Kamel

11.00 Al Mawed: variety programme (part 8).

12.00 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

with guest star Salah Al Saadani, presented and prepared by Tawfeeq Hallaq

12.00 New summary

12.05 The World Today via Satellite

12.25 Holy Quran and closedown

## KTV 2

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# Learning the subtle art of flirting

Melanie Rein can't stop flirting — yet her husband doesn't mind. He knows she's just putting her theories into practice.

"Flirting is a natural, fun thing to do," she told me. "It's a way of dealing with your own sexuality and feeling attractive."

Even if you are in a steady relationship, it's nice to know someone else finds desirable.

Fair-haired and "thirty-something", Melanie says she never gets jealous when her husband, Anthony, flirts with another woman. "I trust him — and I'm really quite flattered that other women fancy him."

"He never objects to my flirting with other men either."

Now the trained social worker is teaching others to flirt, running courses on the subject from her large Victorian house in North London.

Five-year-married Melanie certainly has the credentials. She admits that, when she met the man she would eventually marry, she spent the entire evening flirting with him and continued to flirt for weeks before agreeing to go on a date.

So is she the perfect flirt? "There is no such thing," she told me. "Women are naturally better flirts than men because they are better communicators."

Flirting is about communicating and waiting to tell the other person that you find them desirable without necessarily wanting to jump into bed with them.

"Many men find it difficult to flirt and have to learn how to do it."

"My course attracts a number of men, from business men who want to meet women, to shy

young, office boys, desperate to chat up girls of their own age."

So what's the secret? "There's an art to it," she told me. "A person should be subtle and not obvious when showing interest in the opposite sex."

"That means no winking or groping because most women and men either it offensive or think it's the ultimate come-on. Either way, your partner not going to treat you with much respect."

"I met a man who tried to pick women up by winking at them across the bar. Obviously he wasn't having much luck and I had to sit him down and put him in the woman's position. Only then could he see how ridiculous he looked and how threatening his behaviour was."

#### Smile

Instead, she recommends smiling. "A smile can convey many feelings such as caring," she told me. If someone smiles at me across a room I think 'What a nice person' and want to go and talk to them.

"A smile makes a person more approachable and is a way of saying 'hey, look at me' rather than 'let's go to bed.'

Body language is also very important. "If I see someone sitting in a corner with both their arms and legs crossed, I think the person is very nervous and afraid of their own sexuality, so I don't

bother to approach them."

"But if I see someone who is sitting in a relaxed manner, with open arms, I'm drawn to them because they're the kind of person I'd want to flirt with."

Manila begins at eye level, according to Melanie. "Eye contact is very important. It tells the other person you find their appearance pleasing and what to get to know them better. It's a way of introducing yourself and offering encouragement to the party."

#### Touching

But touching is definitely out because most women and some men — hate it. Melanie told me: "I hate men putting their arm around me or touching my knee because that makes me think they're only after one thing — getting me into bed. They're not the sort of person who is willing to spend time talking to me without any thing sexual taking place."

Flirting is associated with sleeping around and some men presume that only 'fast women' flirt. That's not true — I have friends who are in happy relationships and flirt all the time. It can be fun and good for the ego."

Melanie believes the best place to attract the attention of the opposite sex and to overcome bashfulness is at a party. She explained: "Going to a party and not knowing anyone

can be difficult. You either want the ground to swallow you up or you decide to gain some Dutch courage and drink. But if you start talking to someone and begin to flirt, your self-confidence comes back."

It's also easier to flirt at a party because everyone is doing it, in a 'no strings attached' way, so it means you can walk at the end of the evening if you're not too interested in the person."

There are some situations, however, where flirting isn't recommended. "It's not very safe flirting with someone on a train because if the other person misunderstands the signals you're giving them, you're putting yourself in a dangerous position."

"Flirting with your boss is also unwise because it could lead to an affair and not a good way to advance your career."

#### Clothes

She emphasises the importance of the correct clothes. "Women think they have to wear sexy clothes to be able to flirt well. They don't understand that if they feel uncomfortable in these clothes, they're not going to be confident and will feel conscious of leading a man on."

"However, if you're wearing your favourite jumper, you'll be much more relaxed and not worrying about which parts of your body are exposed."

Being a good listener is vital, too — something that women are

better at than men. "Listening shows that you care about this person and want to know more about them," said Melanie. "Someone who can't listen to other people is selfish and boring and not worth flirting with."

But can an innocent flirtation lead to a long-term relationship?

"Yes, you can develop the relationship," she said, giving her own marriage as the perfect example.

"Once interest on both sides has been established, you should try to show this person that you want to see them again. Be pushy. Mention a film you want to see, offer your phone number or take address and write them a funny letter."

#### Risky

"Starting up any relationship can be risky but if you already know and like this person through flirting with them, you know at least that you enjoy being with them."

"I have friend who really fancied this guy at work. She flirted with him and knew he was interested in her but couldn't understand why he wouldn't ask her out."

"So she decided to take the initiative and write him a letter. It worked — he asked her out and they now have a steady relationship."

Melanie, happy in her flirtations marriage, told me: "Most people don't admit to flirting because some sort of taboo surrounds the subject."

"But we all do it and enjoy it and, who knows? If you choose the right person to flirt with, you could — like me — find a mate for life."



Flirting course instructor Melanie Rein, says eye contact, followed by a smile, offers encouragement to a student.

## Video feedback improves your communication

**NEW YORK (UPI)**: Effective communication is vital to success in business, yet expert Bert Decker says many executives and salespeople are woefully lacking in good communication skills.

"Communication is a contact sport," said Decker, founder of Decker Communications Inc., a training company headquartered in San Francisco with offices in New York, Los Angeles, Sunnyvale and Newport Beach, Calif.

"When you consider all the nuances, the hundreds of cues that you give off how you use words, your speed of wit and your openness are absolutely critical to somebody believing you and taking action."

Decker, a former film-maker, uses extensive video feedback and one-on-one coaching in training sessions to help people in business to their communication potential.

"When you see yourself on video it's different than looking in a mirror. Physically it's not different at all, but psychologically it's vast," he said. "There's a disparity you have in how you think you're coming across, and then you see a stranger up there (on the TV screen). Everybody has a disparity."

Decker said that disparity — between how we view ourselves and how others view us — is the biggest obstacle to effective communication. "We were told to go to their physicians or dermatologists for further diagnoses.

#### Objective

Researchers at Boston University's Schools of Medicine and Public Health tracked down 288 people out of 787 in Massachusetts who had seemingly abnormal screens when they were examined at 14 locations around the state in 1986 and 1987. Another 1,773 people screened at the same time had normal results.

Dr Howard Koh, who led the study, said that among these 288, there were nine confirmed cases of melanoma and 133 other types of skin cancers. To Koh, the figures indicate the screening programme is successfully attracting people who are at greater risk of developing skin cancer.

#### Risk

In the general population, the melanoma rate is one in 10,000. But among those in Koh's study, the rate was nearly one in 300.

This implies to us that the right people — those at high risk — are coming out to take advantage of the screenings," said Koh, an associate professor at the university.

He said it also suggests the skin screenings, which are held each spring at scores of locations around United States, might someday prove as effective in detecting early skin cancer as PAP smear tests for cervical cancer or mammography for breast cancer.

"Although the screening

programme is not new, there has been very little effort to find what happened to people after they were examined," Koh said. "We were very encouraged what we found."

The screenings, usually held May and June, are sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology. The results of Koh's study appeared recently in *Journal of Cancer*.

Koh said the incidence of melanoma in the United States has reached "epidemic proportions" in recent years for reasons that are not fully understood. The National Cancer Institute says that between 1973 and 1981, the melanoma rate increased 20 per cent among men and 59 per cent among women.

Factors that pose people to melanoma, other skin cancers are thought to be skin type and degree exposure to sunlight, said Gary Rogers, who is co-director of a new skin cancer centre at University Hospital Boston.

Those at highest risk are fair-skinned, freckling, blue-eyed and have a family history of skin cancer.

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The cat that got the cream — but giving your pet dairy products could take years of its life.

## The words she put in Reagan's mouth

**WHAT I SAW AT THE REVOLUTION**, by Peggy Noonan (Random House, 335 pp., \$19.95)

Speechwriters who put words in the president's mouth are supposed to have a passion for anonymity.

Peggy Noonan is an exception, and then some. She also has the pride of authorship that made it possible to overcome many of the obstacles she faced as president Reagan's most eloquent speechwriter. To prove it, she wrote a book, "What I Saw at the Revolution: A Political Life in the Reagan Era."

Noonan's talents shone through, although she ran into a lot of other egos in and around the White House, all of whom wanted to put their marks on the president's most important utterances.

Her opus is skillfully written, fun to read, mean spirited toward a lot of people who were in high places, and makes an admirable attempt at analysing and understanding her fortune -- good and bad -- to have been where she was. One minute she is a wide-eyed "Miss Rebecca" of Sunnybrook farm and the next minute she is the infallible "Miss Know-It-All."

It's also a book about her hero worship of Ronald Reagan, her faltering attempts to meet him and to fathom him -- although he did not seem to know her from Adam. The adulation continued even as she patronised him as an old man.

Because of her writing talent and research of the words of other presidents and of poets and scholars, she turned out good copy. Among the memorable speeches she wrote was Reagan's address to the nation when the shuttle Challenger exploded.

Noonan is from an Irish Catholic family of Democrats and says she was the first among her kin to see the light and become a Republican.

Her great awakening came when she was riding a bus on her way to an anti-war demonstration in Washington. She became upset by her fellow protestants' taunts against the government and decided that the United States' involvement in Vietnam was an attempt to help people resist a communist takeover.

"After college she went to work eventually at CBS as a writer for Dan Rather and his nightly news programme.

She left to become speechwriter and to her distress, found that at the White House, "the speech is a foutine pot and everyone has a fork. And I mean everyone."

Some of her toughest moments came from the "mice" as she and others called aides to White House chief of staff Donald Regan, who insisted on editing her words.

She makes it clear that she was a misfit among the wealthy young women who got their jobs through family connections. She disdained being asked to write a speech for Nancy Reagan or Maureen Reagan.

Noonan has her pals in the White House, including conservative spokesman Pat Buchanan, of whom she writes: "There's something in good conservatives that makes them happy to sit for an hour with a janitor and talk about life and the world in a way that one suspects a Ralph Nader (consumer activist) or Ralph Neas (civil rights leader) never could."

She somehow missed the fact that she was serving in an administration where ketchup was called a vegetable, where former White House counsellor Edwin Meese said people go to soup lines because they don't want to pay for their lunch, and where two Education Department officials questioned giving aid to handicapped children because they were holding back "normal" children.

She also manages to smooth over or ignore some of the crueler aspects of the Reagan revolution.

When she was bypassed for the job of chief speechwriter, Noonan left the White House. She was later pulled into George Bush's 1988 presidential campaign to spruce up his speeches.

She wrote his nomination acceptance speech, coining the phrase "kinder and gentler," which her book never was and never will be.

PASSING ON, by Penelope Lively (Grove Weidenfeld, 210 pp., \$17.95)

"Passing On," Penelope Lively's New York is one of those lovely, quiet English novels that take an event, a moment in a life, and then let us watch it reveal or form character.

In "Passing On" the event is the death of 80-year-old Dorothy, domineering mother of Helen, Edward and Louise.

Helen, 52, and Edward, somewhat younger -- spinster and bachelor -- are just this side of eccentric, having been unable to break out of the web their tyrannical mother kept them in at the ramshackle, decaying family home of Greystoke in a small English village. Louise, the third child, has revelled, broken loose and lived -- by today's standards -- a fairly normal family life in London, complete with adolescent children going through their punk, loose-ends stage.

As the novel opens, at Dorothy's funeral, we are given a taste of Dorothy in Helen's unspoken prayer: "If she was created in thy image, then the system is an imperfect one."

Lively's title carries a kind of double meaning. The story is not only the story of Dorothy's passing on and out of the lives of her children, but also of their passing out of her tyranny as her almost palpable presence recedes from the house and their minds.

Life goes on, lively is saying, or, in this case, life must begin, with its small victories and defeats, and it is these events that provide the dramatic core for this perfectly realised study of character and the human condition.

27, by William Diehl (Villard Books, 557 pp., \$18.95)

Ingersoll is known as Siebenundzwanzig -- German for the number 27, the number of rich US industrialists and financiers he tries to kidnap in an attempt to blackmail the United States into staying out of World War II.

27 opens in Germany in 1932 as Hitler comes to power. He recruits Ingersoll, a master of disguise, and has him trained to live as a sleeper agent in the United States. Keegan, meanwhile, falls in love in Berlin only to lose his girl to the Nazis for her part in an underground freedom movement.

This latest novel by the author of "Sharky's Machine" and "That Horse" is a riveting espionage thriller that includes a vivid portrayal of the lurid decadence of pre-war Germany. Diehl also paints a unique caricature of Hitler's psychotic personality, bringing him to life in a portrait that is truly frightening.

The story bogs down a bit in the middle while Keegan is being turned from patriot into playboy, but picks up when he starts hunting for the spy known only as 27.

Winard sees the music as an anchor in a mixed-up world.

### Jazz Quintet

## On track, and on the move

BOSTON. (UPI) -- To Philip and Winard Harper, playing jazz in their own band is a matter of priorities and musical debts that must be repaid.

Their young quintet, the Harper Brothers, has caught fire with a sound rooted in the hot bebop of the early 1960s: blue note sessions, a solid sound with which they are forging their own identity to carry both into the nineties.

At a time when stable, working jazz bands are rare, the Harpers speak with modesty and a confident sense of their musical roots and where they are going.

Winard, 27, is a drummer. Philip, 24, is a fine trumpeter. The brothers were raised in Atlanta and formed their first band, the DC Jazz Quintet, in Washington in 1963. They are based in Jersey City, New Jersey, across the Hudson River from New York jazz scene.

The Harper Brothers' first recording, a 1968 namesake studio album on the verve label, was followed by the release this month of "Remembrance," recorded live at the village Vanguard.

The man includes fiery pianist Stephen Scott, 20, impressionistic sax player Justin Robinson, 21, and bassist Kiyoshi Kitagawa, 31. Their music is solid and swings hard, bubbling with passion, energy and rhythmic drive.

The leaders told their biggest mission as challenging the audience to have a good time.

The key for all of us is to play good music, to entertain people, Winard says. "We grew up going to the Baptist church, and down south, once the choral group popped, it evoked a feeling in the congregation that would trigger everybody, and that would make the choir sing harder, and before you know it, everybody was in tears."

That's what the players before us did. If the audience is a part of it, the musicians are playing even stronger, and all of a sudden you're getting something that really locks up together."

Both brothers have extensive experience as sidemen in other bands. Winard working, most notably, with singer Betty Carter for three and a half years, Philip with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers.

While some young players regard their own bands as something to do when the place doesn't ring with work offers, the Harpers have reached a point where their own band is now the priority.

A long time ago, (bassist) Jamil Nasser told me: "You all have a debt to pay to Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Charlie Parker, Billie Holiday, John Coltrane, the guys who came before you." It is very true," Nasser says.

They laid down so much for us.

We owe them something, and part of paying that debt is keeping this music happening, or playing their compositions as a tribute to them. The only way for us to do that is to have our own band."

It is a first priority," Philip adds. "It is something we want to do, we have to do, so we will. I turn down a lot of gigs because the band comes first."

When their schedules permit, or the challenge is irresistible, the brothers take jobs with other artists, as Philip explains, "because we're still trying to learn to play, and need to play in as many different situations as possible."

Many of the other high profile young players on the jazz scene today, like Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Terence Blanchard and Donald Harrison, were inspired by the Miles Davis and John Coltrane side of the 1950s and '60s mainstream.

The Harpers were more attracted to the trumpet-drums band collaborations of Clifford Brown and Max Roach, Lee Morgan and Billy Higgins, and the intensity of the Cannonball Adderley bands.

If Eddie is not giving away

money to make his children

instant millionaires, he is being

sued for it by outraged starlets.

Actress Michael Michele is tak-

ing legal action against him

because she claims he sacked her

from his latest film "Harlem

Nights" -- his first as a director --

because she refused to join him

on the "casting couch."

MILLIONS of pets are dying before their time, simply because they are being fed wrong food, says a Hollywood vet.

Dr Al Plechner claims that meats such as turkey and pork can "poison" dogs. And a diet of tuna can take years off a cat's life. Even a saucer of milk can harm your pet, he says. A cream bun could kill it.

Dr Plechner, who looks after the stars' pets, claims poor food and "designer" breeding "have created an allergy disease epidemic that is ravaging our pet population."

He believes that as many as one out of two animals brought to a vet may be suffering from an allergy. And the doctor claims to have made some amazing cures with pets doomed to die.

He says his revolutionary treatments, including hormone replacement therapy, have turned sick and even vicious pets into glossy, good-natured animals.

Speaking from his Hollywood clinic, the 52-year-old vet told me: "If owners give their pets better food, animals can live many years more. Some of the dogs and cats I have looked after have lived to the grand old age of 26."

Dr Plechner claims to have saved the life of a doomed doberman, Heidi, belonging to William Shatner, Star Trek's Captain Kirk. He invented a special vegetarian diet for her.

And he soon had Beverly Hills top criminal-catching German

Shepherd, Boss, back on his plush beat after the dog kept going lame. The treatment included a brand new menu. Then there was a Hollywood's actress cat called Oscar, said to be cured of epilepsy by tasty servings of rice and chicken.

Diet

Dr Plechner believes that a basic vegetarian pet is a healthy pet. And that means it will live to a ripe old age.

Dr Plechner told me: "In the wild, animals need a high protein diet, so they eat a lot of meat. But when they are domesticated, too much protein can actually make them ill. I've seen dogs in a coma, brought on by too much protein. A few days of clean food soon puts them right."

The vet, whose revolutionary methods have caused a stir all over the world, has invented a basic bean loaf for owners to feed their cats and dogs. It is a mixture of soy beans, brown rice.

Dr Plechner says: "It tastes so good that the owners can't resist eating it themselves. I've known one lady who even served it up for lunch to her friends and they all said how good her cooking was!"

He goes on: "You shouldn't

## SNIPPETS

## DSWD: the poor and women

THE Department of Social Welfare and Development helped 6.27 million poor persons, including 999,000 needy family heads, 2.15 million children and youth, 370,000 women, 190,000 disabled and elderly persons and 2.57 million victims of natural and man-made disasters.

DSWD secretary Mita Pardo de Tavera said that among the services the DSWD rendered were the uplifting of the welfare of street children, assistance to disaster victims, disaster preparedness programmes, livelihood projects, opening of Tindahan Bigay Buhar, expanded services to disadvantaged women, 11,000 core shelter units for typhoon victims and co-ordination with non-governmental agencies involved in welfare services.

During crisis the DSWD also served ready-to-eat food to victims, helped build core shelters that could withstand strong winds and decentralised the release of disaster emergency funds to regional, provincial and city or municipality units.

The DSWD also established regional Lingap Centres that provide temporary shelter, food, and other basic social services for street children pending their return to their respective families.

The DSWD has five day-care centres in Metro Manila — Anak-bayan Day Centre in Quiapo Ave.; J. P. Laurel Centre in Sta. Mesa, Manila; another in Manila, and in Tanbo, Paranaque and Pasay City.

During the December coup attempt, the DSWD provided evacuees with food and temporary shelters. Thirty-six evacuation centres were put up in Metro Manila which temporarily housed 3,826 families who were given food worth P660,782. In Lapu-Lapu, Mandaua, and Cavite cities, the DSWD extended assistance to 2,387 families.

Some 301,002 individuals were given practical skills training, and they are now self-employed, Pardo de Tavera said.

Discount privileges were also given to poor families who buy from the Tindahan Bigay Buhar whose operators were granted interest-free capital loans.

The DSWD gave 852,119 disadvantaged women self-enhancement opportunities, through social upliftment, skills development, maternal and child care, counselling and substitute home care.

The DSWD established 325 women's centres in different places in the country where women attended welfare programme sessions.

## Army captain found dead

CEBU CITY — An army captain was found dead inside a pension house along V. Gullas and Legazpi streets, police said.

Lieut Wilfredo Labra, chief of the Cebu City police homicide section, identified the dead soldier as Capt. Elmer Culamag, assigned at the Philippine Army's 403rd Brigade in Patag, Cagayan de Oro City.

Police could not immediately determine the cause of his death, Labra said.

Initial investigations said Culamag registered at the Hope Pension House under an assumed name of Elia Corrales of Santander, Cebu.

Edward Lato, a roomboy of the Hope Pension House told police he saw the Army captain came back the following day apparently under the influence of liquor.

Later, Lato together with another roomboy, Victor Cabras, went to Culamag's room to collect the rent for his second day of stay but despite their repeated calls, the man inside remained silent.

Hotel authorities reported the matter to the police who found Culamag soaked in his own urine and his legs slightly moving. He was rushed to the Cebu City Medical Centre, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

## 3 rob, slay suspects nabbed

THREE suspects in the rob-slay of a cabbie were arrested in Quezon City recently.

Antonio Nueca, 26, driver, of 438 Quirino Highway; Rodel Pascual, 23, of 164 Joyville subdivision, and his younger brother Ariel, all in Novacelches were surprised by policemen led by Lt. Pluto Casayuran in the Pascual residence.

The three admitted the crime and said they were high on drugs when they held-up and killed Abelardo Tamayo along Congressional Ave., Quezon City, on the night of Dec. 2.

After taking cough syrup, Nueca and the Pascuals said they boarded Tamayo's cab near Congressional Avenue. When they reached Proj. 8, Nueca said the Pascual brothers announced the heist and took Tamayo's earnings totalling P25.

Tamayo tried to fight back, prompting him to shoot Tamayo in the head while the Pascuals stabbed him in the chest with knifeworks.

After the killing, the suspects said they dumped Tamayo's body at the corner of Sagittarius and Times Streets and fled.

Tamayo's cab was recovered 100 metres away from his body.

## Chicken prices will increase

CHICKEN prices will rise by as much as 20 per cent this month due to the sudden increase in the price of broiler chicks and feeds and shortage of corn.

This was the contention of Batanes poultry raisers headed by Lucio Chavez when they informed President Aquino about the decision of big chicken companies like Magnolia, Purefoods, Robina and RFM Corp. to raise the price of broiler chicks from P10 to P15.

Chavez said that before the Christmas holidays, companies flooded the market with their chicken stocks, causing an oversupply and decreased prices.

This resulted in near bankruptcy for the poultry raisers, who were then forced to sell their stocks prematurely to avoid further losses due to increased feed prices.

When the poultry raisers tried to replenish their stocks, they found that the prices of broiler chicks had been raised by 50 per cent.

To break even, the poultry raisers will have to sell their chicken P55 to P60 per kilo, Chavez said.

"Ang mga dambuhanang komonok lamang ang makikinabang dabilan sa sila ang komonok na negosyong pagmamano at halos naididikita nito ang mga presyo upang sila ay kumita nang malaki," Chavez added.

President Aquino will not help them, the poultry raisers said, they and other related firms will be forced to close shop.

## 4 NPA rebels slain in Negros encounters

FOUR New People's Army (NPA) rebels were killed in two separate encounters with Army troopers and militiamen in Sipalay, Negros Occidental, the Negros Island Command (Nicom) headquarters in Bacolod City reported.

Col. Eduardo Fernandez, commanding officer of Task Force Negros Oriental identified one of the rebel casualties as Diostado Pega alias "Ka Degong," member of a 30-man armed terrorist group which engaged the troopers in a ten-minute firefite.

The encounter took place at 6:30 pm between sitios La Gundi and Samac in Barangay Camindagan in Sipalay.

Recovered from the slain terrorists were a .30 m-1 Garand rifle, ten rounds of live ammunitions, a combat pack, notebook, medicine kit and subversive documents.

Earlier, the task force commander said a team of Caggu men headed by Capt. Rodolfo Aronin of the 7th Infantry Battalion, encountered about 35 armed rebels, some of whom were harvesting palay in Sitio Omas, Maramindagan, Sipalay.

The firefite which lasted for 15 minutes, resulted to the killing of three NPA rebels. No casualty was reported on the government side in the two encounters.

The slain rebels, however, were not identified in the military report relayed to Brig. Gen. Reynaldo Jarque, Nicom chief and concurrently commander of the Third Infantry Division covering the island of Negros and Panay.

## Policeman kills CIS agent

A CIVILIAN agent of the Constabulary Criminal Investigation Service (PC-CIS) was shot dead by a traffic policeman shortly after he allegedly mauled a traffic aide in Quezon City.

Ronnel Lague, 24, of 884 Riverside St., Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City died instantly from a gunshot wound in the chest, police said.

A bystander identified as Solomon Montera was reportedly hit in the stomach by a stray bullet. He was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Police disclosed that Lague and Ernesto Nicolas, 41, of 132 Burgos St. Sto. Nino Marikina, were drinking in a beerhouse along 20th Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City.

Witnesses told investigators that Lague and Nicolas apparently drunk, approached and without provocation mauled traffic aide Marlon Cruz, 26, of barangay Payatas, Quezon City.

Traffic policeman Pat Mauro Melecio, 48, happened to pass by and saw the incident. He pacified Nicolas and Lague but the agent shot him instead with a .38 revolver thrice in the right thigh.

Melecio said he drew his gun and returned fire hitting Lague in the chest.

Witnesses said Nicolas tried to retrieve Lague's gun but was prevented by Cruz.

## Love conquers cold, culture and jet lag

(Continued from last week)

They stayed a year during which time Ninoy Aquino was killed. "When that happened, we thought, well maybe it's time for us to go."

They packed their bags and left for England. They arrived in November. Says Olivia, "I hated the weather. If it wasn't cold, it was raining."

The underground rail system was another challenge. "I go lost twice. You'll never catch me being late for work except when I'm lost! I just couldn't find my way; it's so complicated."

She was also faced with the prospect of her mother-in-law. "In the beginning I felt a little bit unsure. I guess it was the same with Keith and my family. What are they thinking about? What is she going to say about me? She asked me all sorts of questions. I don't think she had a clue about the Philippines. What do people do for a living? What sort of houses do they have? But eventually we got to know each other better."

For three-and-a-half years they lived in the UK and Olivia overcame her initial resistance to the British. "It's very surprising actually. People there are so different from the people who have left the country. The people in England are very genuine people, not like some of those I met in the Middle East or some who are here. They think that once they've left their country they are better than the other nationalities — Filipino, Asian, European or American. That's the impression I get. But in their country they are so different. Streetworkers, they're British, drivers, what have they, and they're more natural and they treat you better."

Olivia actually enjoyed her stay. She worked, made friends and "began to feel like one of them. I guess in the beginning it was just the different culture. I felt more like a foreigner in Hong Kong where we lived next."

Keith had landed himself a job managing the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. After seven months when Olivia was finally settling down to her life in Deepwater Bay, "Keith says pack up, we're going to Manila. Considering what you'd hear about Manila," says Olivia, it wasn't an inviting prospect for a family. But it was his career, so we did."

Keith had been offered the position he now holds, that of food and beverage manager at the Mandarin Oriental Manila.

Two months after they arrived, the Hardies were on their way to the hotel in a taxi at about midnight, from the Boulevard area. At the boundary of Makati, along Buendia, they were stopped at a police checkpoint.

Olivia relates: "The policeman stopped the taxi and asked us where we were going, probably thinking us tourists. Well I said, the Mandarin and that must have made him think — foreigner and Filipina in a taxi on the way to a hotel. He asked me my relation to 'that man.' I said 'that man' is my husband. He asked for identification and my residence certificate and of course I didn't have anything with me. I was so upset I suddenly said: 'I am a British citizen.' It was the first time I ever said that. I wouldn't

normally say I am British. I always say I am Filipino. It was only then, I don't know why. So he just said, OK next time bring your ID. But I was so upset. They see you together, they automatically presume you're..."

Keith adds: "Oh yes, if a Filipina and a foreigner are walking around, say shopping, people will always think you know.... In the beginning it was very upsetting. But the whole thing changes when you have a child."

Not-so-little Henry, made in England and born in Abu Dhabi, 8lbs 3oz. At the age of three he has lived in Abu Dhabi, London, Hong Kong and Manila. His parents say: "Oh, he'll be mixed up. There will be questions."

Henry, like his father and mother, is a British subject. He speaks English and some Tagalog. "I'm not teaching him," his mother says. "He learns it, probably in school. He can sing 'Bayah Kubo. He watches TV, he says 'I want to watch Eat Bulaga'."

Keith understands a great deal of Tagalog, though he speaks "konti lang," having worked with Filipinos in the Middle East since 1980. For Henry, Keith feels "it is not necessary to learn Tagalog, but it will be good if he does."

Henry will probably be going to an English boarding school when he is a little older. Says Keith: "Private education in England is very good and for the places we go or where we would like to go, British education is preferable. He is a British passport holder and it would make more sense that he be educated in the British system."

He has also been christened in the Church of England.

Does this mean that the family is weighted towards the British half? "We are Europe-based. That's where our house is and Henry carries a British passport. But by all means we won't close the door.... As he grows, it'll come naturally. He'll learn all those things (Filipino traditions). It would be unfair if he has no idea of what being Filipino means."

Keith's contract with the hotel is soon coming to an end. Where to next? He's not saying yet, still weighing the options.

Inez Julianita Umali and Poul Bertheisen

## Growing up Eurasian

INEZ Julianita Umali, a young Filipina had passage to New York on board a Danish cargo vessel. Poul Bertheisen, blonde with ice-blue eyes was part of the crew. They fell in love and eventually married.

Of the 22 cousins who grew up together in our Mandaluyong compound, I was the third youngest. They tell me that when we first arrived from Denmark all I spoke were a few Danish words as I hid behind my mom's skirts. I'm not certain why we moved to Manila from Copenhagen but I think it was because the nature of my father's work meant he was away at sea for months at a stretch, and in spite of having been well accepted by her Danish in-laws. Mom must have gotten lonely. She had two toddlers on her hands, no family nearby, she didn't

have any idea of what being Filipino means."

In between all these, Dad had retired,

joined us in Malina, a baby brother was added to the family, and then Dad had flown to Denmark to renew old ties. The summer after my high school graduation we visited Denmark to test the waters. I was 16, visiting the country I had left when I was barely two. I loved the freedom of taking buses and trains by myself, clean hot dog stands at practically every other corner, and the pungent smell of crushed geranium leaves.

When Mom and Dad asked if we wanted to move to Denmark, there were no second thoughts.

In Manila we prepared to close a chapter of our lives. The last year we spent we made do without household help to enable us to learn the chores we would need to do in Copenhagen.

Emil, then eight, was placed in a Danish school. All his friends were now Danes and so he was immediately immer-

sed in our new way of life.

They met on a slow boat to Denmark: Poul and Nita Umali-Bertheisen with

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ing by the rules — you followed traffic signs, you didn't drop by uninvited, you came on time, you never cooked in excess, you waited your turn. I felt proud of good job and got into the swing of things.

It was Mom, I guess who had to do the greatest adjusting. From being a career woman all her life, she shifted to full-time homemaker. Although most Danes speak fairly good English, she had to learn the language to understand the new laws we were faced with — taxes, schooling, rents. She had to accept with the influx of foreign workers, was slowly developing a hostility to anyone with dark hair. And most of all, she had to adjust to the cold of Denmark, where Danes went to the beach on a nice summer day about as warm as an early January morning in Baguio.

After my own period of adjustment, learning our language and culture, I returned to Manila. This was the beginning of my ping-pong period, shuttling home to Copenhagen and then home to Manila.

When I enrolled at Ateneo things took on an even greater clarity.

First I was required to obtain a study permit from the then Bureau of Education. What? Well, you're a foreigner! I was informed.

At St. Schol everyone knew I spoke Danish; at Ateneo no one assumed it.

These were the years immediately following the declaration of martial law when awareness of Philippine culture was blossoming. The college was offering exciting new courses on Philippine studies, students were enthusiastic about taking philosophy courses in Filipino, and I fell in love with Basil Valdez when, at Cervini Hall, he first sang "Ngayon at Kailanman." These were the years we rediscovered the Philippines, visiting Legazpi City and Sagada.

There was of course the question of identity. And this for me, posed the biggest problem of all.

I had learned the Danish way of play-

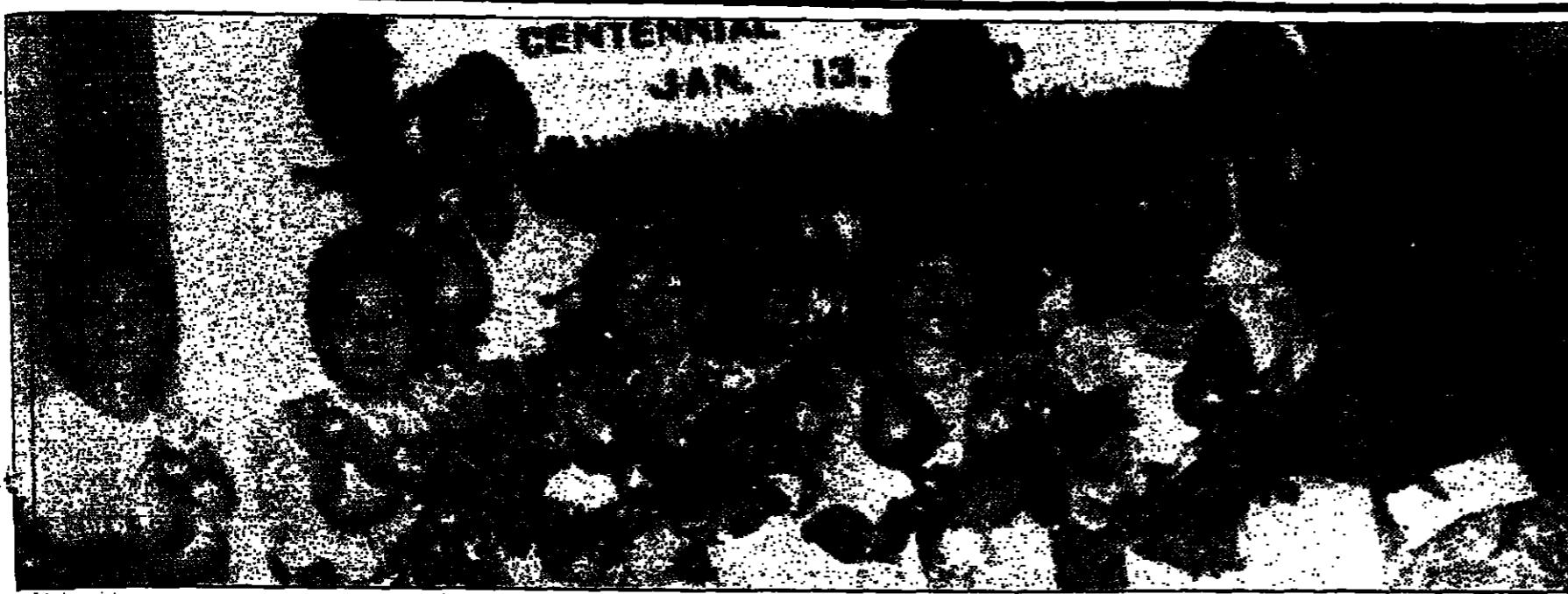
ing but the Philippines was also where I had a lot of old friends, where there were coconut trees of Tiaong were innumerable, where I could sit by my grandmother's rocking chair as she watched Vilma Santos. I would know that everything was all right in the world. And as the plane would slowly begin its descent over the checkerboard greenness of Laguna and I'd catch sight of the Iglesia ni Kristo church stark against the blueness of the sky, I would know that here too, was home.

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**Top mothers of Negros**

**THE Ten Outstanding Mothers of Negros Occidental were awarded recently at the Old Capitol Building in Bacolod City by the Apex Negros Ladies Circle on the**

**occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the province. The awardees were: Dolores Rouillo from Old Escalante, Remedios Mondragon of Muisip, Regina Abano and**

**Saturnina Jaunca of La Carlota, Trinidad vda. de Gonzales of Pontavera, Flor Navezaga of Hinigaran, Angelina Jamiana, Asuncion Gacho, Remedios**

**Orola and Concepcion vda. de Sarroza of Bacolod. They each received a trophy, cash award and gift certificate.**

**The Minamata declaration**

**TO low-income consumers all over the world, to the oppressed and exploited, to those living in misery and deprivation, to all those who are the victims of greed and mad race for more and more control and monopolistic power, the Minamata Declaration of August 24, 1989 should open the eyes not only of governments but also of non-governmental organisations. Listen and ponder on these realities which haunt us every day, succinctly summarised by various participants in the People's Plan for the 21st century which was a month-long activity in various parts of Japan.**

"The slogan at the beginning of the 20th century was progress. The cry at the end of the 20th century is survival. The call for the next century is hope. Impelled by that hope for the future and with a keen sense of urgency, we began our concluding gathering of the People's Plan for the 21st century in Minamata. It is significant that we met in Minamata, a place which symbolises to all of us development at its most murderous. As did to the people of Bhopal and Chernobyl, a giant organisation with advanced science, technology and production techniques condemned the people of Minamata to fear, sickness, and death, and their beautiful bay to irreparable damage. These three disasters — Minamata, Bhopal and Chernobyl — can be taken as benchmarks of our time. At Minamata, the industry of a capitalist country poisoned its own citizens. At Bhopal, a US multinational corporation poisoned people of the South. At Chernobyl, a socialist government spilled radiation out over its land and people, and beyond its borders to the whole world. There is no need here to repeat the long and mounting list of eco-catastrophes. These three tell the story: There is no place to hide."

"But these are not the only symbols of disaster that 'progress' has been. For the indigenous people, disaster came with confiscation and exploitation of their lands and resources; and discrimination and discrimination of their way of life. For workers, development meant an absolute disempowerment of all kinds. They have been marginalised and subordinated by male religions, male science and knowledge, and male maldevelopment. The billion dollar pornography and sex industry has reduced them to mere commodities. At the same time, they continue to be subordinated within their own homes. For the poor of the Third World, development has meant less and less control over their own resources and lives. Their struggle to survive has become more difficult, their

**existence has become precarious. There has indeed been progress and development, but only for the few. The rest are paying for this development by sacrificing their lives, cultures, values. Development and progress have been disastrous because they are based on an obsession with materialistic acquisition. Profit and power have emerged at the gods of this development. The assumption behind development has been that man is supreme; that he can use and misuse nature as he wishes. Development has been a project to conquer nature, rather than to live in harmony with it.**

"Development has meant increasing centralisation of power. The more the word 'democracy' has been used, the less has been its practice. For indigenous people and minorities, democracy has meant the tyranny of the majority. For the poor in the Third World, democracy has meant the rule of the powerful, a very small elite. Both development and democracy have become dirty words for the oppressed because, in reality, they have come to mean impoverishment and disempowerment. Development has also meant destruction of the rich values of diversity. It has destroyed people's creativity and capacities. At the same time, democracy can no longer be achieved within the limits of the state. Today, the lives of millions of people are being controlled, shattered, deformed and destroyed by decisions made outside their communities, even outside their countries. These decisions are made by foreign governments, by transnational corporations, by agencies such as the IMF, the World Bank and the big power summits."

"We have no illusions about the present condition of the peoples of Asia-Pacific region. The ruling powers maintain themselves by dividing the people and encouraging hostility among them. The rulers not only seek to rule us, but also to manage our mutual relations; depriving us of our right to do this for ourselves. This we must reject and overcome. Transborder political action, support and solidarity campaigns across borders, will gradually develop a new 'people' that transcends existing divisions, especially between people living in the North and South. This is not utopian. The actions we describe are actually going on all over the Asia-Pacific region, and all over the world. What we assert is that these transborder actions are not merely the proper response of the people to desperate situations. Taken together, they amount to the people collectively making their own 21st century."

**Filipino artists' crusade for peace**

**IT'S almost impossible to gather all the leading artists who performed in this "Kapayapaan" album. But for a project with such a worthy cause, all of them are more than willing to participate no matter how busy they're with their numerous commitments.**

**For "Kapayapaan," all of them are so enthusiastic to contribute their precious time and talent: Celeste Legaspi, APO Hiking Society, Kuh Ledesma, Gary Valenciano, Jose Marie Chan, Marco Sison, Janet Basco, Sheryll Cruz, Gino Padilla, Samantha Chavez, Camille Victoria and the 14-K.**

**4 cops investigated for two men's slay**

**THE National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) picked up four Paranaque policemen who killed two businessmen in the town.**

**NBI director Alfredo Lim said Pfc Rodolfo Alcalde and patrolmen Roberto Barraza, Edgardo Herrera and Redentor Mariano were under the bureau's custody while they are being investigated.**

**The suspects killed George Go, 37, a disco house owner, of 5 Lopez Commercial Centre, Paranaque and his friend, Shih Shuyang, 33, of Kahistrado Torres St, Bacoor, Sta Mesa inside a police car at about 9 am on Timothy St, Multimall Village.**

**Paranaque police chief Col Rogelio Pureza said the businessmen grabbed the guns of two of the policemen.**

**The slain businessmen's relatives however, claimed they were murdered for the huge amount of money they had.**

**posed by Jim Paredes as commissioned by the United Nations for an international peace forum last year.**

**Side Two of the new album features Jesse Sacio's "Ang Ang Kong Pilipinas" as interpreted by Celeste Legaspi. More inspiring tunes are included: Gary Valenciano's "Take Me Out of the Dark," Jose Marie Chan's "Be Gentle" (lyrics by Pinky Valdez), and "people of the Land," a Nonoy Tan original as performed by Gino Padilla (our country's entry to the 1989 ASEAN POPular Music Festival).**

**"Kapayapaan" is also produced on MTV by WEA Records, featuring all the said artists and directed by Johnny Manahan.**

**All the proceeds of the new "Kapayapaan" album are earmarked for the Artists for Peace Movement — a group of concerned entertainers who offer free shows to our brother soldiers in different army camps and military installations all over the country. These dedicated bunch bring cheer and boost the morale of Filipino soldiers.**

**For Best Actress: Vilma Santos for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Pepe Gallaga for Isang Araw Walang Diyoys; and Emmanuel H. Borizara for Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw.**

**For Best Picture: Kailan Mahuhugasan ang Kasalan, Vision Film; Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw, Viva, Films; and Isang Araw Walang Diyoys, Regal Films.**

**For Best Actor: Richard Gomez for Isang Araw Walang Diyoys and Christopher de Leon for Imortal.**

**For Best Supporting Actor: Eric Quizon for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Cesar Montano for Ang Lukas ay Akin; and Romy Romulo for Isang Araw Walang Diyoys.**

**For Best Supporting Actress: Timmy Cruz for Kailan Mahuhugasan ang Kasalan; Cherie Gil for Ang Lukas ay Akin, and Zsa Zsa Padilla for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga.**

**For Best Director: Ishmael Bernal for**

**CCP stage set for Nick Joaquin parody**

**THE Bulwagang Amado V. Hernandez in the Sentrong Pangkultura ng Pilipinas (CCP) bldg is probably the most unknown (no offense meant to the great writer it was named after), it is a black-walled chamber corner of Lindy Locsin's architectural achievement, inaccessible to the CCP going public but alive nonetheless during their theatre season of Tanghalang Pilipino, the CCP's resident drama company.**

**Being approximately as large as teh CCP Little Theatre stage (now the Tanghalang Aurelio, V. Tolentino), Tanghalang Pilipino has used Bulwagang Amado V. Hernandez as the rehearsal space for the company's numerous productions at the Little Theatre. Here, many a director has screamed his head off and many an actor or actress has wept his or her way to artistic maturity. But not during the last few weeks.**

**Tanghalang Pilipino is buckling up for the last offering of its theatre season: *Larawan ng Pilipin Bilang Artista(s)*, a daring and irrelevant parody sequel of national artist Nick Joaquin's *Portrait of an Artist as Filipino*, which Tanghalang Pilipino also offered as the season's initial presentation.**

**And the rehearsal hall is kept vibrantly alive by its temporary occupants: the director Paul Dumol, his assistants and a huge cast which includes Armina Siguen-Reyna alternating with Naty Crame-Rogers as *Candida* and Irma Potenciano as *Paula*, Mario O'Hara, Ricky Davao, Jackie Lou Blanco, Pin de Castro III, Gimme Sobrino, Sherry Lara, Lou Veloso, Gigi Deunas, Carlos Siguen-Reyna, Bon Vibar, Joel Macaventa, Ony de Leon, Kim Atienza, Ding Navasero, Myk Pamintuan and Shamaine Centenera.**

**A week before the premiere, everyone seems to be having fun and not freaking out from opening night jitters. The play is, after all, a comedy. Armina Siguen-Reyna is in one corner, waiting for her cue in street (or office) clothes, and chewing what seems to be like nuts she takes from a large bowl on a nearby table. Irma Potenciano on the set, wearing a comfortable dress and saying her lines as *Paula* to Mario O'Hara's *Tony Javier*. Sitting on the side of the hall is a relaxed Jackie Lou Blanco in shorts, while on the opposite hall is hubby Ricky Davao, dutifully memorising his lines.**

**In Larawan, three decades have passed and *Candida* and *Paula* have gone back from New York and have just moved into a new house in Forbes Park designed by Lindy Locsin. Park designed by Lindy Locsin. From then on, they get involved in thickening plot which includes *Bitoy Canachao* and *Nonoy Tan* (Tony Javier and his true sons by *Paula*): *Tonet*, who has a pregnant girlfriend (Jackielou), and *Larry* (Ricky), who has two navels: *Candida*'s former suitor turned druggie, *Dr Agustin Moreto*; another portrait plus thieves; and a reporter named *Nick Joaquin*.**

**The director Paul Dumol, sitting behind an enormous desk, interrupts. He stands, moves closer to his actors, instructs them in soft voice, smiles and returns to his desk in an unburdened manner.**

**Then they start the scene again, with Gigi Duena as the wacky servant waking up Mario O'Hara who has just fainted. She says, "Senyor, gising na po kayo at naku, makaka-lumutan ko po ang mga lines ko." Everyone chuckles at the veteran actress' pun. The mood is so relaxed that even Irma Potenciano affords to fool around and slap Mario O'Hara's nose as the latter suppresses a laugh when he calls him (*as Paula*) her long lost husband. Armina Siguen-Reyna laughs, wipes the salt off her hand and prepare to enter in character.**

**It seems that Tanghalang Pilipino's artistic director, Nonon Padilla (also *Larawan*'s playwright) and director Paul Dumol, have taken great pains in choosing a fine ensemble of mature acting talents. (Padilla, who wrote the play's first draft in 1976 and when he revised it in 1987 won third place in the Palanca Literary Contest).**

**Luck really seems to be on the side of the artistic director for when he invited close friend Linda Locsin to design the set, the architect readily agreed, instantly creating a famous first in Philippine theatre.**

**Even national artist Nick Joaquin has given his imprimatur by agreeing to visit the rehearsals and see the ensemble pock fun at him and his opus. Good 'ole Saint Nick might even her *Bitoy Canachao* saying: "Sya's isang diablitolong reporter. At siya's ang hel del a gawardiya ni Senyora's *Portait of an Artist as Filipino*."**

**The Bulwagang Amado Hernandez has never been more alive than during these past few weeks.**



**The cast of Tanghalang Pilipino's *Larawan*, with its leads — Armina Siguen-Reyna and Irma Potenciano (front).**

**CMMA bares finalists for film and radio awards**

**THE panel of judges for film of the Annual Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA) has released its finalists for 1989.**

**These finalists automatically become part of the 1989 CMMA roster of outstanding communicators and productions. They will be awarded during the ceremonies to be held on March 2 at the Villa San Miguel on Shaw Boulevard in Mandaluyong.**

**The finalists are: For Best Screen-play: Jose Javier Reyes for Pahiram ng Isang Umaga; Armando Lao for Oras-Oras, Araw-Araw; Pepe Gallaga, Don Escudero and Lore Reyes for Imortal.**

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**For Best Director: Ishmael Bernal for**

**Mass at 5 pm by Jaime Cardinal Sin will precede the programme.**

**The finalists are: Radyo Batibot (DZAM); Balagtasan ng Bayan (DZRM); Kulay at Anyo (DZRM & DZRB); Silangan ng Eden, episode of Sa Dibdib ng Gubat (DZRM & DZRB); Ang Matandang Balon, episode of Kapirasong Langit (DZRH); Ang Guru, episode of Sa Dibdib ng Gubat (DZRM & DZRB).**

**Abakada na Pang-Kultura sa Himpapawid (DZRM); Place We Call Home (DWPK); Flashback (DWBR); Talinghang Bakambibig (mga Pilipino) (DZRM); Tayong mga Pinoy (DWPK); Guidelines (DZFE); DWBR Value Sports: Morning with DZFE; Musical Souvenirs (DWBR).**

**Please be Careful with My Heart, words and music by Jose Mari Chan; Beautiful Girl, word and music by Jose Mari Chan; Radyo Patrol Field Reporters (DZMM); Balatalakay (DZMM); the DZRH Team who covered the Dec 1 coup attempt; and Radyo Womanwatch (DWAN).**



**De Belen, nominated as Best Actress for Isang Araw Walang Diyoys.**

**From the provinces****SAN FERNANDO, La Union**

**A group of Philippine Army soldiers hostage for more than three hours a six-man team of Philippine Constabulary manning a checkpoint at the outskirts of Ilocos Norte in what appeared to be a case of mis-en-**

**ounter.**

**Reports reaching the Regional Command Office said that the same army group seriously shot one of the PC troopers who attempted to draw his gun in an apparent move to dislodge the army soldiers.**

**The name of the wounded**

**Constabulary man was not**

**immediately known although the report said he suffered three gunshot wounds in the right leg and was rushed to the provincial hospital.**

**Col Romeo Odi, regional**

**chief of staff, said that the**

**incident took place in Badoc,**

**Ilocos Sur.**

**Odi said the PC troopers**

**led by Maj. Rufino Druja, deputy provincial commander for operations in Ilocos Norte, were manning the**

**checkpoints when they changed**

**upon the vehicle of the**

**army soldiers.**

**The four were identified as**

**Pte. Isacio Pelaez (1st distri-**

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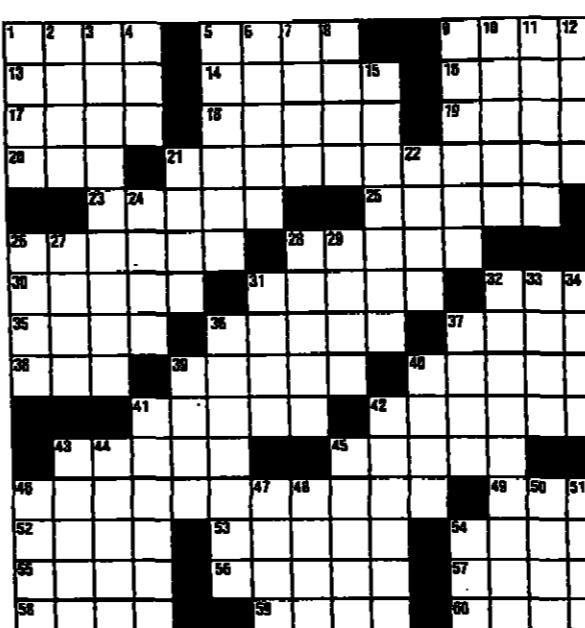
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## BLONDIE — By Dean Young &amp; Stan Drake



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

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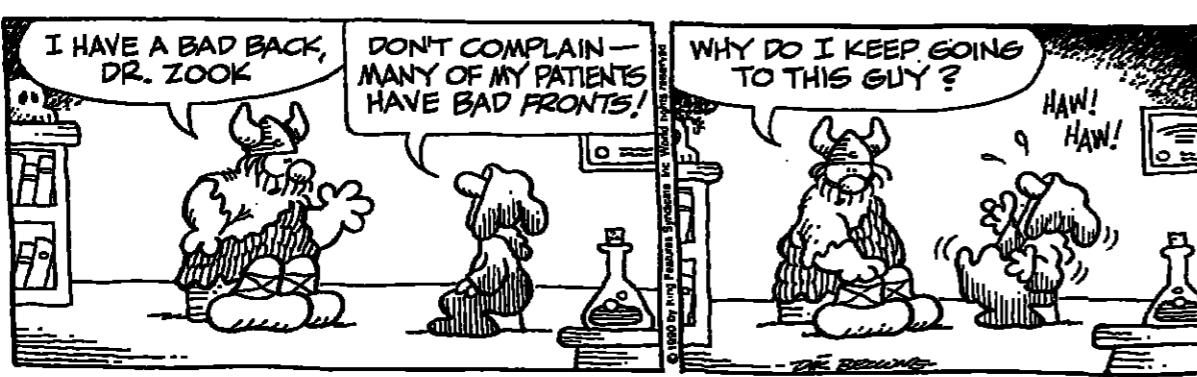
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6 Up in 55 Pindar creations  
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7 Pinball term 57 Canyon mouth  
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9 Deep red 60 Condition:  
10 Reflection 55 Snaky fish  
11 Religious 56 Take the helm  
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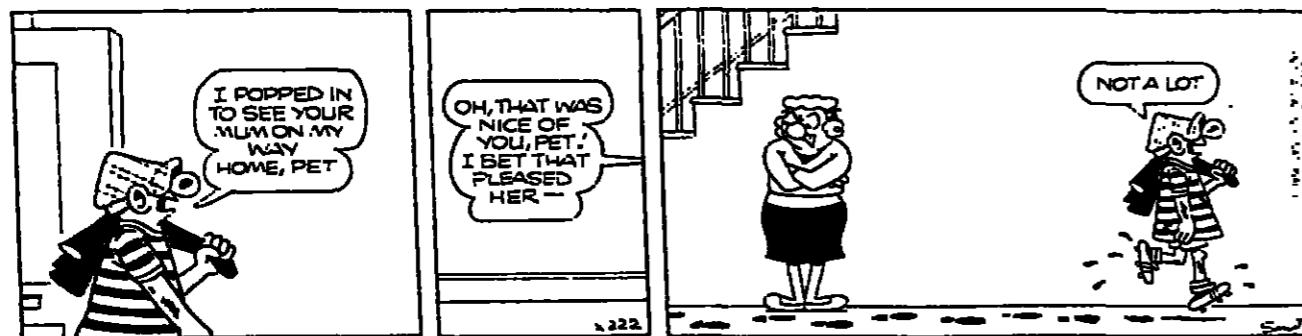
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EAST	♦ 3
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## YOUR STARS

Aries  
March 21 - April 19

You should not expect to have everything your own way. Something that you had forgotten about will now come back to you. It is not yet too late to make a few changes for the better. Be tactful.

Taurus  
April 21 - May 20

You should spend a little more time tidying up. If you do not you will waste a lot of time later looking for things. You should try to use a little more commonsense. Be loyal.

Gemini  
May 21 - June 20

You should not make a promise you do not intend or would find it hard to keep. Do not permit yourself to be deceived by appearances. Something that has been mystifying you will now become much clearer. Be tolerant.

Leo  
July 21 - Aug. 21

If you think everything will be easy you are very much mistaken. Do not do anything that would be likely to arouse animosities. You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportunity. Be resourceful.

Virgo  
Aug. 22 - Sept. 22

You should avoid idle chatter but you should listen carefully to what others are saying. If you are just a little more patient you will be well rewarded. You should not neglect personal matters but you must not give them precedence over work either. Be vigilant.

Sagittarius  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 20

The case is not and you will have to think again. Your lucky numbers are 22 and 37. Make sure you get plenty enough rest and take regular non-too-exhausting exercise. Do not be too quick to judge by appearances. Be dependable.

Pisces  
Feb. 20 - March 20

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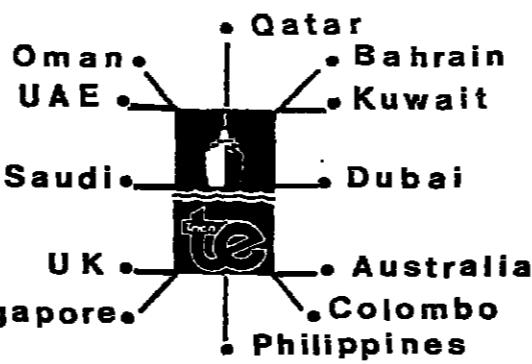
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## Cullman, Kodes to be honoured

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 25. (Reuters): Former Wimbledon and French Open champion Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia and women's tennis patron Joseph F. Cullman 3rd were named yesterday as the next members of the International Tennis of Fame.

Kodes and Cullman will be inducted on July 14 in Newport, Rhode Island, said Gene Scott, the Hall of Fame vice-president and nominating committee chairman.

Kodes won the French Open in 1970 and 1971 and claimed the Wimbledon crown in 1973. He also represented Czechoslovakia in the Davis Cup from 1964-1980.

"It's a great honour for me...." Kodes said in a statement sent from Czechoslovakia. "Probably I am the first Czech ever to be inducted for the tennis Hall of Fame, because Czech Jaroslav Drobny, Wimbledon champ in 1954, was inducted in 1983."

Cullman, the chairman emeritus of Phillip Morris Inc., was cited for his contributions to the women's game. Under his leadership, Virginia Slims became sponsors of the women's Tour in 1970. Cullman was also instrumental in the restoration of the Newport Casino, the home of the Hall of Fame.

WASHINGTON, Feb 25: Top-seeded Martina Navratilova advanced to the final of the \$350,000 Virginia Slims of Washington, needing less than a hour yesterday to defeat teenager Monica Seles 6-3, 6-0.

Navratilova, a nine-time winner of the event, was to play for the \$70,000 first prize this evening against her doubles partner, Zina Garrison, who downed Natalia Zvereva 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in yesterday's first semifinal.

Seles, the No. 3 seed from Yugoslavia, put up a struggle in the first set but Navratilova's relentless attack overpowered Seles the rest of the way. The set lasted only 36 minutes.

Navratilova, of Aspen, Colo., began the match with a service break, but Seles immediately broke back on the strength of two sudden returns of service.

With the score tied 2-2, Navratilova broke her opponent twice to go ahead 5-2. Seles, one of the hardest hitters on the women's Tour, again produced a couple of winners from the close to within 5-3.

But Navratilova closed out the set when Seles' forehand sailed wide of the baseline. Seles, 0-3 against Navratilova, provided little resistance during a second set that lasted 21 minutes.

"I wasn't going to let her get back into the match," said



Navratilova: had a very easy match

Navratilova, who 20 minutes after her victory, was back on court with Garrison in a doubles semifinal.

Garrison, the No. 2 seed, overcame problems with the lights and a second-set resurgence by Seles.

"I decided to come to the net and let her hit passing shots if she



Garrison: earns 2nd straight trip to final

Garrison, last year's runner-up, repeatedly charged the net in the final two games of the deciding third set to overcome the talented but erratic Soviet player.

Garrison, 26, lost the opening game of the first set after committing back-to-back double faults. She settled down to capture the

could." Garrison said. "She's basically a clay court player and I didn't want to get lulled into that kind of game."

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opponent's service to lead, 3-0. Garrison rallied to 4-3, but Zvereva clinched the set with a drop shot set up by a lob.

Zvereva, 18, the No. 4 seed who seems to play best when behind, lost concentration at the start of the third set and Garrison capitalized to take a 3-0 advantage.

Zvereva closed to 4-3 before Garrison's repeated forays to the net ensured her a second straight trip to the final.

In Oklahoma City, Okla., hard-hitting American teenager Amy Frazier upset top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria 1-6 6-3 6-3 to earn the right to challenge defending champion Manon Bollegraf of the Netherlands in today's final.

Bollegraf, the fifth seed, beat unseeded American Angelica Gavaldon 6-4 7-5 in her semifinal.

The 17-year-old Frazier, seeded third, belted the ball from both sides along the baseline and moved back into contention when Maleeva's serve deserted her.

"Even Steffi Graf doesn't hit as hard, so consistently, as Frazier did today," said Maleeva, who is ranked seventh in the world. "She started playing out of her mind and kept doing it."

The fighting dogs are not the slick Afghan hounds famous throughout the world, but highland varieties, big shaggy animals bred for their ferocity and strength. They resemble St Bernards or huskies.

Khalilullah said he raised fighting dogs in his youth as a hobby and at one time had seven or eight of them in his stable.

He said at the peak of their training the dogs run 30 km (20 miles) daily up and down mountains and through marshes.

For breakfast they are fed milk and eggs, and their main meal consists of the cooked head of a sheep or goat.

"Some people who can't afford to care for themselves make sure their pet dog has the best food," he said. "A well-known dog brings prestige to the head of the family and that counts for a lot."

Least

Khalilullah said a good dog cost up to 300,000 afghanis (\$3,500 at the official rate), a princely sum considering the average monthly wage in Afghanistan, one of the least developed countries in the world, is 3,000 afghanis (\$5).

On a cold and wind-swept Friday morning recently, a group of 500 people cheered as two huge dogs tore at each other.

The spectators were oblivious to the woe of army missiles above them, heading towards suspected rebel hideouts in the snow-covered mountains overlooking Kabul.

After the dogs had gnawed and clawed at each other for 15 minutes, the owner of one of them conceded defeat and the fight was stopped.

"Very rarely do dogs die during a fight," one of the spectators said. He looked downcast and it appeared he had lost a bet, though he would not admit it.

Between matches, people warmed off the cold by sitting in small groups and smoking waterpipes filled with hashish.

A referee matched dogs according to size, and if the owners agreed, the fight was on.

The rules are simple: if a dog runs or the owner concedes, the fight is over.

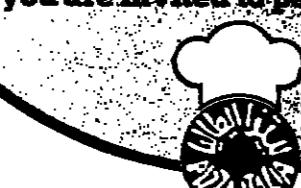
Owners and trainers are allowed to talk to their dogs during the fight to encourage them.

An interpreter quoted one of them as telling his dog: "Come on my father, you can do it, you can beat that miserable animal."

Fans said more than 1,000 spectators and 100 dogs attended a fight on a good day. The animals are brought in from all over the country.

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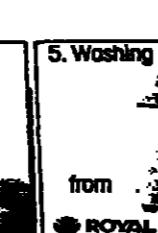
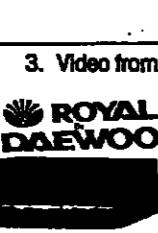
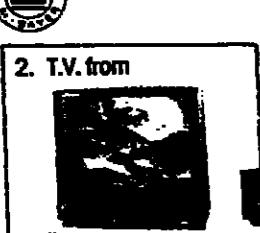
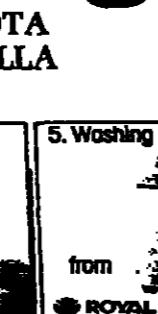
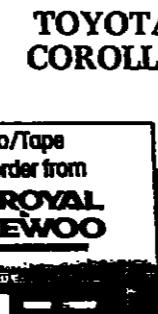
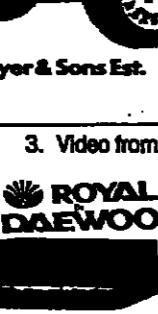
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## SPORTS

# Daniel scores 3-shot victory

EW BEACH, Hawaii, Feb 25, (Reuter): Beth Daniel held steady during the final round of the \$350,000 Hawaiian Open golf tournament and emerged the winner as her even-par 72 over the last 18 holes yesterday gave her a three-shot victory.

Daniel, who led by two shots after 36 holes, finished with a six-under-par 210 total to win the \$52,500 top prize.

Second place was shared by Patty Sheehan and Amy Benz, who shot 71 and 73, respectively.

"I was driving the ball close all day," Daniel said, "but I wasn't hitting my irons close and was not giving myself many opportunities."

The turning point of the round came at the 437-yard, par-5 13th. Going into that hole, Daniel and Benz were tied at five under par.

Daniel hit a 3-wood to the fringe of the green and chipped a seven-iron to within three feet of the cup and sank the putt for birdie. Benz hit her approach into a greenside bunker, hit out and then three-putted for bogey, sliding two shots behind Daniel.

Daniel said: "That hole was the most crucial of the final round. I wouldn't want to have to hit that chip shot again."

And in Pacific Palisades, Calif., Fred Couples, playing with remarkable accuracy, tied the course record of 62 at the million-dollar Los Angeles Open yesterday to take a two-shot lead going into today's final round.

Couples, who began the day four shots off the pace, recovered 10 birdies and one bogey over the 6,946 yard, par-71 Riviera CC to tie the mark set by Larry Mize in 1985. His three-day total of 16-under-par 197 established a new 54-hole record for this event, which dates back to 1926.

Gil Morgan, who shot a 65, and Rocco Mediate, who posted a 67, were tied for second place at 199. Hale Irwin and Hal Sutton were another three strokes back at 202.

Couples' whose last tournament win was in 1985, shot a five-under-par 30 on the outward nine despite a bogey on the second hole. He had four more birdies coming in, including a tap-in after a seven-iron approach at the 447-yard 18th.

"Just one of those days," said Couples. "I don't know if it was a flawless round, but I played very well. Every time I looked up the ball was going where I looked."

Perfect conditions helped keep scores low on the difficult Riviera Country Club course.

Morgan, who shot 67s in his first two rounds, has played all 54 holes of this event without a bogey and has reached the green in regulation on 49 of the 54 holes he has played.

"This is pretty different for me not making any bogeys," said Morgan, who has won this event twice before. "I don't know if I've ever gone this many holes without one before."

Meditate had perhaps the day's most exciting shot.

After suffering a double bogey on the 12th hole to drop back in the chase for the 180,000-dollar first prize, Mediate sank his 176-yard approach shot at the 420-yard 13th for an eagle two.

Michael Allen, the overnight leader, suffered a double bogey seven on the first hole and went on to record a one-over-par 72 that left him sixshots back at 203.

# Douglas enters the wrestling ring

DETROIT, Feb 25, (AP): Just two weeks had gone by since Buster Douglas was standing the same way, an arm elevated in victory. But now, how things look different in a wrestling ring.

To become the heavyweight boxing champion, Douglas wasn't forced to take a ruthless woman named Sensational Sherri or fend off a "Macho Man" who had been escorted to ringside in a chariot.

He merely had to knock out Mike Tyson, a deed some said couldn't be done.

But with that accomplished, Douglas inherited a spotlight and \$100,000 job that Tyson no longer wanted — refereeing the World Wrestling Federation Championship bout on Friday, which pitted title-holder Hulk Hogan against Randy "Macho Man" Savage.

Professional wrestling in America is far different from Olympic wrestling. It is pure entertainment, with huge men — and sometimes women — wearing outrageous costumes and hurling outrageous taunts in each other's faces. The matches themselves are scripted duels bet-

ween good and evil characters, with the outcome determined in advance.

Douglas, however, proved that boxing and wrestling, not to

# Fraser takes five for 28

# W. Indies out for 164

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb 25, (Reuter): Angus Fraser took five for 28 yesterday as England upset the form boom by dismissing West Indies for 164 on the opening day of the first cricket Test.

The big fast-medium bowler destroyed the West Indies' lower order with five for six in 36 balls, after the home side had reached 62 without losing a wicket.

It was the West Indies' lowest score against England in the Caribbean for 22 years.

England, who have not beaten the West Indies since 1974, were an encouraging 80 for two at the close with Wayne Larkins 28 not out.

After Viv Richards had won the toss and elected to bat, West Indies cruised to 62 before Gor-

don Greenidge was run out for 32.

Devon Malcolm at long leg initially fumbled the ball but recovered to fire in a perfect return which found the veteran West Indies batsman short of his ground.

West Indies, 72 for one at lunch, lost their way after the interval as the four England pacemen struck rigorously to their line-and-length policy.

David Capel induced Richie Richardson into a skied pull when he had scored 10 and followed up by having Carlisle Best caught behind for four.

Gladstone Small caught and bowled Desmond Haynes for 36, the day's top score, then Malcolm seized the prize wicket of Richards lbw for 21.

Richards had threatened to cut loose, hitting five boundaries in his brief innings, before he tried to pull a ball too far up for the shot.

Fraser scythed through the remainder of the batting with only wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon, who was unbeaten on 19, showing any resistance.

Larkins and captain Graham Gooch gave England just the start they needed as the fearsome West Indian pace attack strove to put their side back in the match.

Gooch twice clipped Patterson to the square leg boundary while Larkins, playing his first Test for nine years, cut and drove Bishop

for two fours.

But West Indies went some way to redressing the balance when Gooch was acrobatically caught behind by Dujon off Patrick Patterson for 18.

Alec Stewart looked confident in scoring 13 but could make nothing of a wicked delivery from Ian Bishop which flew off his glove to Best at second slip.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings

G. Greenidge run out ..... 32

D. Haynes c and b Small ..... 36

R. Richardson c Small b Capel ..... 10

C. Best c Russell b Capel ..... 4

C. Hooper c Capel b Fraser ..... 20

V. Richards lbw b Malcolm ..... 21

J. Dujon not out ..... 19

M. Marshall b Fraser ..... 0

I. Bishop c Larkins b Fraser ..... 0

C. Walsh b Fraser ..... 6

P. Patterson b Fraser ..... 0

Extras (b-8 lb-3 nb-4) ..... 16

Total ..... 164

Fall of wickets: 1-62 2-81 3-92 4-92 5-

124 6-144 7-144 8-150 9-164

Bowling: Small 15-8-4-1, Malcolm

16-4-9-1, Fraser 20-8-28-5, Capel

13-4-31-2

Umpires: L. Barker and S. Bucknor

ENGLAND first innings

G. Gooch c Dujon b Patterson ..... 18

W. Larkins not out ..... 13

A. Stewart c Best b Bishop ..... 13

A. Leach lbw b Bishop ..... 10

Extras (b-8 nb-3) ..... 11

Total for two wickets ..... 80

Fall of wickets: 1-40 2-60

Bowling to date: Patterson 7-1-33-

1, Bishop 4-0-18-1, Marshall 5-1-9-0,

Walsh 2-0-12-0

To bat: R. Smith, N. Hussain, D.

Capel, J. Russell, G. Small, A. Fraser,

D. Malcolm.

# Jones, Crowe hammer Indians

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 25, (Reuter): New Zealand tore the Indian attack apart in the third Test today, with a relentless series of high scores capped by Andrew Jones' 144 not out.

The home side took advantage of an Eden Park pitch which has produced high scores throughout to make a second innings 416 for five on the fourth day.

The big total, including another century from Martin Crowe, put New Zealand in a strong position for tomorrow's final day after trailing the tourists by 91 in the first innings.

John Wright, not out overnight, began the riot of runs in a second wicket partnership which put on 148. He scored 74 before trying to hit a delivery from leg-spinner Narendra Hirwan into the stand, which Atul Wasson caught relatively easily.

The struggling Indians then suffered another big partnership of 179 between Jones and Martin Crowe, who had played poorly in the series until now.

Crowe played attractive shots and hit 17 fours in his 113, which he scored in 227 minutes. Jones' performance was much more laborious, taking 406 balls to hit his 144, including 13 fours and two sixes.

After Crowe's departure, burly left-hander Mark Greatbatch stayed the Indian attack to the tune of 43 runs.

The only wicket they took cheaply during the day was that of Ken Rutherford who edged a drive at Hirwan and was caught behind for eight.

Hirwan took a heavy punishment but ended as India's most successful bowler, with three for 143.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings 391 (I.

Smith 173, R. Hadlee 87)

INDIA first Innings 482 (M.

Azharuddin 192, A. Wasson 53, K.

More 50)

NEW ZEALAND second innings

(overnight 135 for one)

T. Franklin lbw b Prabhakar ..... 2

S. Thomas not out ..... 8

Extras (b-1, lb-12, nb-11) ..... 24

Total for five wickets ..... 416



Andrew Jones: scored 144



Crowe (left) being congratulated after completing his century. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Australia win World Series Cup

## Taylor hits one-day best

SYDNEY, Feb 25, (Reuter): Mark Taylor hit his best one-day international score of 76 as Australia clinched the World Series Cup 2-0 with a 69-run win over Pakistan in the second match of the best-of-three finals today.

Taylor, supported by 44 from fellow opener Tom Moody, a fluent 46 by Dean Jones and captain Allan Border's rapid 34 not out, spurred Australia to 255 with their 50 overs.

Pakistan, who lost openers Saeed Anwar and Rameez Raja with only six scored, were dismissed for 186 in 45 overs after another disappointing batting performance.

Imran Khan's team made only 162 all out in a seven-wicket defeat in the first match in Melbourne on Friday, and their display here completed a tour in which they fell short of expectations.

They arrived in December claiming to be world cricket's second best team behind West Indies but lost the three-Test series to Australia 1-0 and failed to do themselves justice in the limited overs Cup

competition in which Sri Lanka also took part.

Australia, having won the toss, were given an ideal start by Taylor and Moody, who put on 84, and Taylor consolidated in a second wicket partnership of 95 with Jones.

Jones followed his unbeaten 83 in the first match with another stylish innings and was named Player of the Finals.

Border sustained the tempo by striking his 34 off only 35 deliveries as poor fielding helped Australia expand their total in the final onslaught.

Australia maintained the initiative when Terry Alderman had Rameez lbw without scoring and Simon O'Donnell had Anwar caught behind for five.

All-rounder Wasim Akram, promoted from the middle order to number three, provided a glimmer of hope by blazing 36 off 30 deliveries, including a six and six fours, before he was stumped off off-spinner Peter Taylor:

**Scoreboard**

AUSTRALIA

M. Taylor c Younis b Mushtaq ..... 76

T. Moody st Younis b Nadeem ..... 44

D. Jones run out ..... 46

A. Border not out ..... 34

M. Waugh run out ..... 14

S. O'Donnell c Younis b Imran ..... 3

I. Healy c Younis b Mushtaq ..... 15

P. Taylor not out ..... 3

Extras (b-1, lb-11, nb-2 w-5) ..... 20

Total (six wickets, 50 overs) ..... 255

Fall of wickets: 1-84 2-179, 3-183,

4-207, 5-214, 6-231.

Bowling: Akram

## Sports News

## French soccer

PARIS, Feb 25, (Reuter): French First Division soccer results today:

Auxerre	3	Lille	0
Bordeaux	2	Toulon	1
Cannes	1	Brest	1
Lyon	0	St Etienne	0
Marseille	2	Monaco	2
Mulhouse	1	Sociaux	2
Nantes	0	Caen	0
Nice	1	Metz	0
PSG	1	Racing Paris	2
Toulouse	0	Montpellier	0

## England triumph

HARARE, Feb 25, (Reuter): England A beat Zimbabwe by 61 runs in the second one-day international 50 overs cricket match today. Scores: England 245 for five (D. Bicknell 70, R. Blakey 73, G. Thorpe 50 not out), Zimbabwe 184 for eight (D. Houghton).

## Late draw

LISBON, Feb 24, (Reuter): A defensive mixup robbed Benfica of a chance to go top of the Portuguese First Division yesterday when bottom club Nacional snatched a late 1-1 draw.

## Philippon wins

HONG KONG, Feb 25, (Reuter): Frenchman Maurice Philippon rode 16-1 shot Reliable Source to victory in the Hong Kong Derby today as Irish horses filled the first two places in the nine furlong race at the Sha Tin course.

## Cup site

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England, Feb 25, (Reuter): Owners of the Belfry Golf Club, site of the Ryder Cup in 1985 and 1989, are to spend up to £500,000 (\$800,000) in course improvements in hopes of staging the event again in 1993.

## 45 injured

ANKARA, Feb 25, (Reuter): At least 45 people were injured today when stands collapsed during a soccer game in western Turkey, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. It said 25 of the injured were in serious condition after the accident in which stands holding about 2,000 fans collapsed during a Second Division match in the Aegean resort of Kusadas.

## Green triumphs

HONG KONG, Feb 25, (Reuter): American Ryder Cup player Ken Green won the rain-shortened Hong Kong Open golf tournament today despite faltering at the last two holes in fading light. Green returned a one-over-par 72 in the final round for an eight-under-par total of 205. The event was reduced to 54 holes after play was washed out yesterday.

## Japanese win

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb 25, (AP): Akemi Matsuno, the fourth of six runners, put Japan in the lead and anchor Yoshie Terasawa held off a strong Soviet challenge as the Japanese won a rainy relay marathon by six seconds today.

## Speed skating

TROMSOE, Norway, Feb 25, (AP): After racing the fastest 500 metres on a lowland rink in 37.16 seconds, Uve-Jens Mey of East Germany fell in the 1,000-metre race late yesterday and opened the way for Soviet racer Igor Zhelezovskiy to defend his title in the World Sprint Championship in speed skating.

## NHL games

NEW YORK, Feb 25, (Reuter): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday:

New Jersey	3	Chicago	2
New York	3	Detroit	3
Winnipeg	3	Montreal	1
St. Louis	6	Quebec	1
Montreal	11	Pittsburgh	1
Boston	3	Minnesota	2
Vancouver	6	Los Angeles	4

## World best

LEICESTER, England, Feb 25, (Reuter): Marcel Grey of Canada set a world best short-course time in the heats of the 50 metres butterfly at a World Cup swimming meeting yesterday and bettered the previous best again in the final. Grey clocked 24.07 in the morning's heat and was 0.04 of a second slower in the final. The previous best of 24.14 was set by East German Nils Rudolph in Bonn earlier this month.

## Valencia cycling

VALL D'UXO, Spain, Feb 25, (AP): Spanish cyclist Miguel Indurain conquered two first-class mountain passes yesterday, with the fifth and penultimate leg of the 45th Tour of Valencia race, while Tom Cordes of the Netherlands kept the yellow jersey of the overall leader.

## WBA threats

HONOLULU, Feb 25, (AP): The World Boxing Association has warned super featherweight champion Jesus Salud it will remove his title if he does not defend it against the organisation's top challenger by March 31.

## Road relay

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb 25, (UPI): Japanese runners outpaced pre-race favourites the Soviet Union and China to clinch their first victory in the 1990 Yokohama international women's Ekiden Road Relay today in a time of two hours, 16 minutes and 31 seconds.

## British soccer

LONDON, Feb 25, (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches played today:

English League Cup semifinal, second leg	Coventry	0	Nottingham F.C.	0	
(Nottingham Forest won 2-1 on aggregate)	Scottish Football Association (FA) Cup fourth round	Celtic	1	Rangers	0



Becker: wants Lendl's No.1 ranking

## Becker routs Lendl

Inter crush Napoli

Rome, Feb 25, (Reuter): Napoli, fumbling without an injured Diego Maradona, collapsed to a 3-1 defeat at Internazionale today as AC Milan went clear at the top of the Italian League after winning 4-0 at Roma.

Milan's inspirational Dutchman Marco van Basten scored twice to spearhead a resounding victory over sixth-placed Roma and put the European champions two points clear of Napoli.

Napoli, their Argentine captain left at home with back pains, grabbed the initiative early with a seventh-minute foray by Brazilian striker Careca who dodged defenders and goal-keeper Walter Zenga to hammer the ball home.

But Inter counter-attacked ruthlessly to overwhelm the visitors, who were top of the League for most of the first half of the season.

Napoli defender Ciro Ferrara blundered a minute into the second half to score an own goal as he fought off West German international Juergen Klinsmann. Six minutes later Klinsmann was back with a successful header from point-blank range.

Results

Ascoli	1	Audax	1
Bari	0	Lecce	1
Bologna	0	Fiorentina	1
Ceremonese	1	Verona	0
Inter	3	Napoli	0

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